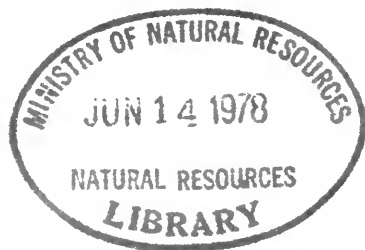


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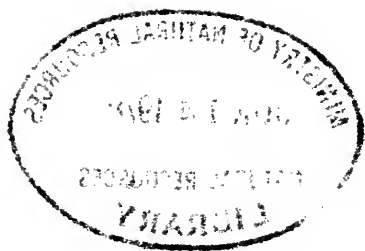


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REPORT

OF THE

ONTARIO GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS.

*His Honor,
The Lieutenant-Governor
of Ontario.*

SIR,—Your Commissioners beg herewith to present their first annual report.

Annexed to the report will be found the reports of the Wardens, and other tables and matter which will be found self explanatory and interesting.

Your Commissioners are satisfied that much good has resulted from the establishment of the Commission, and from the efforts put forth by them during the year. Whilst it would be idle to pretend that the wanton slaughter of Game and Fish has been entirely stopped, there is no doubt whatever that it has already been minimized, nor can there be any doubt that the Game Laws as they now stand receive the general support of the sportsmen throughout the Province and the public generally.

The present Board of Game and Fish Commissioners was gazetted as a permanency in the month of June 1892, in consequence of the recommendation of the Commission appointed by the Ontario Government in November, 1890.

It was not, however, until the 27th of July that the members of the Board were called together for organization, so that whatever work has been done during the year, has been accomplished in a very short period of time.

By the amendments to the Game Act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, it is provided that the members of the Board should be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for a term of three years each in the following manner viz :

One of the Commissioners to hold office until 1st April, 1893; two to hold office until 1st April, 1894; and two to hold office until 1st April, 1895.

The Commissioners may from time to time at the expiration of their terms of office be re-appointed for a like term of three years.

At the first meeting of the Commissioners, lots were drawn to decide as to the respective terms of office with the following result.

To hold office until 1st April, 1893, Dr. G. A. McCallum, Dunnville.

To hold office until 1st April, 1894, Mr. J. H. Willmott, Beaumaris, Muskoka, and Mr. W. G. Parish, Athens.

To hold office until 1st April, 1895, Mr. W. B. Wells, Chatham, and Mr. H. P. Dwight, Toronto.

The Game and Fishery Acts were fully and carefully discussed at the meeting in question, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners that an energetic effort

should be made to enforce the laws and to put a stop, as far as possible, to the ruthless and indiscriminate destruction of the Game and Fish of the Province which has well-nigh caused their utter extinction.

The amendments to the Game and Fishery Acts above referred to, were passed at the suggestion of many of the principle sportsmen of the Province and are undoubtedly valuable, inasmuch as they strengthen the old laws and form the beginning of a system of work on which future operations of the Commissioners may be based.

The trouble in past years has been that whilst there was an ample amount of law, there was little or no enforcement, and the laws were broken in consequence, openly and defiantly all the year round, by rich and poor alike without let or hindrance.

Your Commissioners found on commencing their work that the most lamentable ignorance existed in the minds of the public as to what the Game and Fishery Laws really were.

One-half the community was honest when it pleaded ignorance, and the other half was ignorant advisedly, and between them both the Game Laws might as well have never been framed.

The first thing therefore determined upon was the issue of an abstract of the Game and Fishery Laws.

This was printed in large numbers, both in large sizes on cardboard sheets and in small pamphlet form on paper. They contained for the most part the close seasons for Game and Fur-bearing animals, Birds and Fish, and set forth the penalty for violations of the law, besides giving information on such of the more important points in the law as might be reasonably expected would crop up from time to time when the officers appointed to enforce the laws began their work.

Neither trouble nor expense was spared in the matter of issuing the abstracts and pamphlets here referred to. No fewer than 30,000 copies were printed, and these were issued to all Justices of the Peace, Post-Masters, Custom-House officers, G. T. R. and C. P. R. agents, Canadian and Dominion Express Co. agents, Judges, Police Magistrates, Newspaper Editors, Hotels, and G. N. W. and C. P. R. Telegraph agents in Ontario, to be posted in prominent places.

In addition to these, the Deputy-Wardens each received a parcel of this literature for distribution in their own neighborhoods, and the consequence was that in a very short time, the entire Province was flooded with the notices thus sent out by authority of the Board, and the poachers and pot-hunters awoke to the fact that at last they were likely, to be brought to book for their nefarious practices.

WARDENS.

Your Commissioners had power under the amended laws, to appoint four Wardens and at their first meeting the following gentlemen were selected :

MR. J. H. WILLMOTT, Beaumaris, Muskoka.
MR. H. K. SMITH, Belleville.
MR. JOHN A. GILL, Dunnville.
MR. F. C. QUALLINS, Leamington.

The Wardens thus appointed entered immediately upon their duties, and your Commissioners can testify to the thorough manner in which their work has been done. They have proved themselves to be intelligent, active, and zealous, and without their assistance it would not have been possible to cover as much ground as has been done during the season which has just closed.

The appropriation set apart by the Government for the work of the Commission was so small that nothing in the shape of adequate salaries could be offered to the Wardens, and it will be a surprise to the citizens of the Province when they learn that these officers have given up their time to the work of the Commission, in some cases to

the utter ruin of their private business, for the sum of \$10 per month. This they have done, because, being sportsmen at heart and desirous of seeing the good work efficiently carried out, they were willing to sacrifice their time and give their labor almost voluntarily until such time as the work of the Commission could be properly and fully established, but they cannot be expected of course, to continue their work during the coming year unless they are paid such salaries as will enable them to live.

DEPUTY-WARDENS.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that under the present Game Act, it is doubtful whether the Deputy-Wardens have power to open and search boxes, parcels and baggage in which game illegally killed is supposed to be hid, without a search-warrant.

Under the old Act this power was given to Game Inspectors appointed by municipalities, and unless it is made clear that Deputy-Wardens have the same power they will be greatly handicapped in their efforts to enforce the law.

Your Commissioners are also of opinion that they should have the power to appoint and dismiss the Wardens or Deputy-Wardens for cause as occasion may require, but no provision appears to have been made for their so doing under the present Act.

FISH.

Your Commissioners regret that owing to the dispute which has arisen between the Dominion and Ontario Governments in the matter of the Fisheries, they have been unable to do very much in the way of enforcing the Fishery Laws. It has not been thought wise or expedient to do very much under the circumstances and your Commissioners have therefore no report to make in the matter except to express the hope that the present difficulty may be speedily settled upon a satisfactory basis, and that the powers of the Province and of the Board of Commissioners may be clearly and distinctly defined.

There is much good work to be done in the way of re-stocking the depleted streams and waters in the Province, and there is much room for improvement in matters appertaining to fish slides, and the destruction of fish by sawdust and other noxious materials. These are matters which cannot too soon be undertaken and pressed to a satisfactory conclusion.

Your Commissioners also desire to point out that there is nothing in the Fisheries' Act to prohibit the sale of fish during the close season "no matter where taken or procured."

For want of such a clause as this, the law is openly violated and it should be amended without delay to cover the point referred to.

FISH HATCHERIES.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that many large streams and other waters in the Province are almost completely depleted of fish. From an economic point of view it is to be regretted that these large areas should be allowed to go to waste when by being properly restocked with the better food-fishes they might be made to yield an enormous quantity of cheap and wholesome food, not only for the people of Ontario, but for the purpose of exportation:

Your Commissioners therefore unanimously and strongly recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated without delay, for the purpose of erecting a Provincial fish hatchery, and working the same.

On the recommendation of your Commissioners, the Commissioner of Crown Lands purchased lately from the Dominion Hatcheries 50,000 Trout fry, and these have been placed in two streams in the County of Wentworth, and in two in Brant County. They will be looked after, and if the experiment is found successful a larger number may be distributed next year.

As showing the effect of the propagation of fish, your Commissioners would draw the attention of the Government to the fact that several barrels of yearling Carp with some older ones were taken this spring for the first time in seines in the Grand River below the dam. Two varieties were taken in about equal numbers, viz., Scale Carp and Mirror Carp. These fish were not planted in Lake Erie by the Dominion Fishery Department, therefore they must be the result of the American work, having crossed the lake within a few years and taken possession of the marshy streams on this side congenial to their tastes. They are a very desirable food fish, growing and multiplying rapidly, and your Commissioners have bought several hundreds and transferred them to the Grand River above the dam where there is a large body of water. They also intend planting a number in the Chippewa River.

Last autumn a consignment of Carp fry were received by one of your Commissioners from the Carp Ponds at Washington, D.C., and these too were planted in the Upper Grand River where it is believed they will increase immensely, furnishing in the future a cheap article of food for the residents along the shores of that large river.

INTERNATIONAL FISH CONFERENCE.

The second annual International Fish and Game Conference was held in Detroit Mich., on 20th and 21st Dec., the Ontario Commission being represented by Mr. W. B Wells of Chatham. Important resolutions were passed at this meeting which deserve more than passing attention.

The first conference was held in the City of New York on 12th October, 1891. The object of the meeting being to procure, if possible, uniform legislation affecting the Game and Fish in the Province of Ontario and the American States bordering on the great lakes.

This meeting was suggested by your Commissioners, and as they had addressed letters to the Governors of all the States bordering on the great lakes, asking that delegates be sent to attend the Conference, the idea was pretty generally adopted and not only were representatives in attendance from several States, but the United States Fish Commission sent a special representative also.

At the meeting in New York little was done except to organize, but two important sessions were held afterwards, at Rochester, N. Y., on 10th November 1891, and at Hamilton, Ont., on 8th December, 1891, both of which were largely attended, and at which the subject of reciprocal legislation in the matter of Game and Fish was fully discussed.

The proceedings of these meetings are fully set forth in your Commissioners' report for 1892, and will be found to be full of interest and practical information.

To two matters which are of especial interest, your Commissioners desire to draw special attention as they consider that the credit of keeping them prominently before the notice of the public belongs to the Province of Ontario which they represent.

In the Province of Ontario spring shooting has for some years been illegal, but the practice has unfortunately not yet been abolished in the neighboring States. Much of the bird life which spends its winters in the south is received in Ontario, where it is carefully kept and protected for seven or eight months in the year. In the American States, however, the birds are slaughtered during the spring when pairing, and the Ontario delegates insisted strongly that a change should be made in the laws of the bordering States so that this evil might be checked.

The subject of spring shooting was very carefully considered by the Codification Committee, when the State of New York Game Law was being prepared, and an abolition of the evil was recommended. Such was the pressure however brought to bear against the recommendation by interested parties on Long Island, N. Y., that the proposal was quashed indefinitely.

The true sportsmen of that State as evinced at their memorable gathering in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1892, are almost unanimously in favor of the prohibition of spring shooting, and as the views of the speakers at the late conference in Detroit were all in the same direction, there is still room for hope that the required legislation will be had at no very distant date.

In the matter of a close season for White-Fish, your Commissioners were surprised to learn that no close season existed in American waters. The folly of such a state of things was pointed out by your Commissioners and hopes were expressed that a change would also be made in this direction in order that a restriction might be placed upon extravagant waste. At the Detroit meeting, this matter was again fully discussed and as a result, a resolution, (which was opposed only by a single member,) was passed recommending that the month of November of each year should be made a close season in all the great lakes for White-Fish, Herring, Salmon or Lake Trout.

Thus it will be seen that these Conferences are of great benefit, and your Commissioners are not a little gratified at the fact that to the Province of Ontario belongs the credit of their inauguration.

GAME.

The Game Act has been found to work remarkably well, and so far from proving to be a source of irritation, it has had the almost unanimous support of all classes of the community.

The Wardens and Deputy-Wardens have been instructed to use the utmost discretion in cases where settlers or persons who have to depend oftentimes on the Game they kill for the necessities of life have appeared to have violated the laws, and no complaints have reached the Board of cases in which this rule has been departed from.

There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of Deer killed during the open season, and the sight, so common in past years, of Game and Fish being defiantly exposed for sale in the markets throughout the Province during the close season has now become a rarity.

FAWNS.

Whilst fully recognizing the importance and advisability of altering and tampering with the law as little as possible, your Commissioners feel it their duty to recommend that the clause prohibiting the killing and sale of fawns should be struck out.

There can be no doubt that sportsmen are often unable to tell the difference between a fawn and a doe or between a fawn and young buck, when taking long or snap-shots, and many fawns have been killed during the season unwittingly by persons who would under no consideration break the law if they could avoid it. The clause has proved to be a constant source of irritation, and added to this is the fact that the Magistrates themselves who are called upon to try these cases are generally unable to determine on the evidence presented to them; this being the case your Commissioners advise that the clause in question be eliminated entirely.

HARES.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that the Game Act establishes a fixed open season of three months commencing on 15th September and ending 15th December in each year, after which no person has any excuse for being found hunting or disturbing Game in its haunts.

Whilst Hares have always been protected for a certain season, one species, the Wood-Hare or "Cotton-tail" has, unfortunately, on account of its resemblance to the English Rabbit been destroyed at all seasons.

It has been accused of being a pest and destructive to crops, etc., but your Commissioners claim that the charge is no more applicable to the little Wood-Hare than to Deer, Quail, or even insectivorous birds, which are either commonly found grazing crops, eating grain, or in the case of the last mentioned, eating the fruit blossom buds in large quantities. Although this be true, no one would suggest that these were pests and in consequence should be exterminated.

Those persons who wish to be able to hunt and kill Game during the whole year make complaint about the "Cotton-tail," and desire to be allowed to hunt it after 15th December. Your Commissioners, however, are of opinion that the protection of this Hare should be continued inasmuch as boys and others who pretend to shoot only this animal really disturb and destroy other Game which is sure to be found on the same grounds.

Your Commissioners desire strongly to express their approval of having a fixed close season for all Game as tending to its preservation and lessening the expense of seeing that the Game Act is properly observed. If in spite of these recommendations, it is deemed unwise to continue the protection of the Wood-Hare or "Cotton-tail," your Commissioners would recommend that Hares should be allowed to be shot during the common open season up to 15th December in each year, but after that, for a month or even up to 28th February Wood-Hares or "Cotton-tails" should be allowed to be taken only by other means than by shooting.

Your Commissioners further recommend that a clause be added to the Game Act, providing that the Wood-Hare may be killed at sight if found damaging fruit trees or otherwise destroying property.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

Strong objection has been taken by the Hudson Bay Company against the clause in the Game Act protecting Beaver and Otter. The ground taken by the Company is that whereas these animals may be scarce in the central portions of Ontario, they are still abundant in the portions of the Province where the Company does business, but your Commissioners cannot see their way to recommending special legislation in this matter without very careful enquiry, which they so far have not had an opportunity of making.

MUSK-RATS.

In view of the fact that during the autumn and early winter months a large proportion of the Musk-Rats taken are but kittens and not fit for market, your Commissioners are of the opinion that the season should be so altered as to allow of the pelts being only taken when the fur is prime and in good condition.

They therefore recommend that the close season for Musk-Rats should extend from May 1st to January 1st following, instead of as at present from April 1st to November 1st, and that owing to the fact that the skins are of but little value when the animal has been shot, and that during the month of April when this sort of hunting is chiefly pursued the ducks which frequent our marshes are just arriving, the shooting of musk-rats should not be allowed during April, because it is principally done before sunrise and after sunset, and it tends to disturb and drive the waterfowl from their feeding and breeding ground.

Your Commissioners believe, however, that trapping, etc., of Musk-Rats may be allowed during April without prejudice.

FOXES.

Your Commissioners recommend that a bounty of \$1.00 per head be paid for the destruction of full-grown Foxes, and 50 cents per head for young ones.

PARTRIDGE AND QUAIL.

The law forbidding the sale of these birds has been well observed, and has proved highly popular with those who are anxious to see the markets closed against the pot-hunters who have been shooting off all the game in the country for years past.

A *cause celebre* during the season was that in which a Toronto game dealer was fined by the Police Magistrate for exposing Quail for sale. The dealer appealed from the Magistrate's decision, arguing that the birds had not been shot in Ontario, and that the law which prevented the sale of the Quail, "no matter where procured," was bad, inasmuch as it had a tendency to restrict trade.

The appeal was heard before Judge Rose, who sustained the Magistrate's decision, and the game dealers were thus taught that the laws must be obeyed to the letter.

DUCKS.

Your Commissioners recommend that the clause in the Game Act which provides that no person shall take or kill more than three hundred Ducks during one season should be repealed, for the simple reason that it cannot be enforced.

No officer can possibly tell how many Ducks any one man may shoot during the season, and your Commissioners do not think that the Game Act should contain a single clause which cannot be actively enforced.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

Your Commissioners regret that the slaughter of insectivorous birds and the collection of their eggs is still continued under the disguise of permits issued for so-called "scientific purposes," and are unanimously of opinion that a stop should be put to this crying evil. Your Commissioners recommend, with this object in view, that the issue of such permits should in future be entrusted to them instead of to the Department of the Minister of Agriculture.

CONSOLIDATION OF GAME AND FISHERIES' ACTS.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that the Game and Fishery Laws should be consolidated without delay, as much difficulty is at present experienced in referring to the laws which are spread over many original and amended Statutes and Orders in Council.

DIGESTS.

A very complete Digest of the Game and Fishery Laws was prepared during the year by Mr. A. H. O'Brien, Barrister at Law, Toronto. This little work has been most carefully compiled, and is a synopsis of the whole law so far as it relates to the animals, birds and fish protected by it.

Your Commissioners strongly recommend that a supply of these Digests be procured and that each of the Wardens and Deputy-Wardens be supplied with a copy, so that they may, by reference to the work, tell at a glance what the law is and where to find it.

MASKED HUNTERS.

Complaints have reached your Commissioners during the year on the subject of masked hunters. There seems to be no necessity nowadays for men to go hunting with masks on, and the man who goes about armed, with his face concealed, is presumably not an honest citizen.

Your Commissioners recommend therefore that a law should be passed providing the punishment of any person found guilty of such an offence.

FOREIGN SPORTSMEN.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that under the present law men are obliged to take out licenses before they can hunt or take out animals not specified therein. In the opinion of your Commissioners this is wrong, and the law should be amended so as to make it compulsory on all men who shoot or hunt in Ontario to take out licenses no matter what animal they are in quest of.

PERMITS.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that the power given to Wardens to issue permits should be revoked, and that no permits of any sort should be issued to foreign sportsmen to hunt in the Province unless under very special circumstances.

DEPARTMENTAL BUREAU.

Your Commissioners desire to say that the question of protection and propagation of the Game and Fish of the Province is one of serious moment, and the work should not be entered upon in a half-hearted way.

Your Commissioners are unanimously of opinion that a department in the Parliament Buildings should be devoted to the use of the Board, where all documents, specimens, etc., appertaining to the Game and Fish Commission could be securely kept. With such an arrangement, the Commissioners would be always within reach of the Ministers under whose directions the Game and Fishery Laws properly come, and much valuable time would be saved when replying to important communications or considering intricate questions.

APPROPRIATION.

Your Commissioners, in concluding their report, respectfully recommend that an appropriation of not less than \$10,000 be placed at their disposal in order that they may be able to carry out their work completely and satisfactorily during the coming year.

With such an appropriation as this, much good work can be done, whereas with a meagre sum at their disposal the work required of your Commissioners cannot be overtaken, and the laws which, in the public interest, ought to be enforced, and which, if enforced, will be of lasting benefit to the Province, must remain as they have remained for years, a dead-letter in the Statute books.

Your Commissioners unanimously recommend that the appropriation voted during the coming session of the Legislature be placed to the credit of the Board in a recognized bank, so that the time now lost in arranging for payments of salaries, travelling expenses, etc., may be saved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. A. MACCALLUM,

Chairman,

Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

DUNNVILLE, 31st December, 1892.

REPORT OF CHIEF WARDEN.

HAMILTON, ONT.
31st Dec., 1892.

G. A. MacCallum, Esq., M.D.
Chairman,

Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

SIR.—I beg herewith to submit a summary of the work of the Department for the season of 1892.

As the work may be said to have just commenced and the system is as yet incomplete, I am unable to present as full a report as I could have wished, but I have no hesitation in saying that from observations made personally in all parts of the Province, I believe the Game Laws to be generally popular, whilst the clauses they contain have been as far as possible enforced vigorously, without partiality or favour.

My duties have consisted so far, for the most part in answering and attending to the enormous volume of correspondence which has poured in steadily upon me ever since the Commission was organized, and although I have made frequent trips to various parts of the Province to assist in the prosecution of cases where the Deputy-Wardens were experiencing difficulty in their work, most of my time has been spent in my office. Notwithstanding this, however, to such large proportions has the work of correspondence grown, that much of it has been but partially attended to, whilst no time whatever has been found for filing or indexing the letters and papers received, a matter which ought to be overtaken as soon as possible.

I have been expected to give a portion only of my time to the work of the Commission, but as a matter of fact it has occupied my entire attention. I am convinced that no one man can overtake the work single-handed if it is to be done properly, and a clerk or assistant for office work is an absolute necessity.

ARRESTS.

For want of accurate information, and owing to the want of a proper system for learning these particulars, I am unable to say exactly how many cases have been handled by the Department during the season. A table will be found however, annexed to this report setting out such cases as I have knowledge of, and I trust that during the coming year an arrangement can be made whereby the work of the Deputy-Wardens can be reported promptly, although I find it hard to get answers from some of these officers no matter how often they are written to, or how important the subjects upon which information is desired.

WARDENS.

The manner in which the duties of the four Wardens have been performed during the season has been perfectly satisfactory, and I am glad of the opportunity to say publicly, that but for their earnestness and zealous assistance, little good would have been accomplished.

I beg to point out on behalf of these officers that owing to the smallness of the appropriation set apart by the Government for the use of the Commission, the Wardens have been working for the sum of \$10 per month. This rate of remuneration must of course be largely increased during the coming year if the services of these officers are to be retained, and it is obvious that unless the Wardens are in a position to give their entire time to the work they may as well not be employed at all.

Annexed to this report will be found reports from the Wardens which speak for themselves and which will I trust be found satisfactory.

DEPUTY-WARDENS.

I was requested by the Board at its first meeting to have a force of Deputy-Wardens appointed throughout the Province without delay.

No provision is made for a salary to these officers, but they are entitled to receive half the fines following convictions.

I at once drew up a circular which I sent to County Judges, Police Magistrates, Gun-clubs, County Wardens and other prominent persons who were likely to be interested in the work of the Commission, asking them to recommend the names of persons who were willing to act as Deputy-Wardens upon the conditions above set forth.

Many replies were received to my circular, and as a result thereof 392 deputies have been appointed. The names and address of these officers will be found annexed to this report.

The Deputy-Wardens are each provided with a badge of office, and instructed to keep sharp lookout for violations of the Game Laws in their own immediate neighborhood. As no salary is attached to the office much difficulty has been experienced in getting good men to act, and there is no doubt that while some excellent appointments have been made many undesirable ones have also been made.

Although as the official head of the Deputy-Wardens I should know each of them personally, I may say that I know only some half-dozen of the men and have had no opportunity therefore of judging of their qualifications or fitness for office. From some of the deputies I get prompt replies to such communications as I have occasion to send them ; from others I never hear at all. Some have made an honest effort to enforce the laws whilst others appear to have done absolutely nothing.

I find too that many of the Deputies are handicapped in their efforts when they bring cases into court, because, being utterly unfamiliar with court proceedings they are unable to prosecute their own cases, and it is generally only necessary for the defendants to employ counsel to secure an acquittal even in cases where convictions should be an absolute certainty.

I find the Deputies unwilling to prosecute cases also, because the law makes no provision for the payment of costs in cases where they are unsuccessful, and they argue, not illogically, that they should hardly be expected to work without remuneration and then be required to pay the costs in cases, which, although perfectly clear, have been dismissed on account of some technicality or through their own inability to prosecute properly.

There is no doubt that the Deputy-Wardens should be periodically visited by the Chief Warden, who should know the men and the localities in which they are supposed to be doing work. The list should be carefully revised ; the good and willing workers being retained and the inefficient ones dropped, and I hope that this course will be pursued during the coming year.

I have to point out that there is room for doubt as to whether the Deputy-Wardens have power under the Act to search baggage and parcels. I am inclined to think that they have no such power, although this was not intended when the Act was passed.

Under the old Act, municipalities were empowered to appoint Game Inspectors, and these officers were empowered to search parcels, boxes, and baggage in which they supposed game was being illegally concealed. This power should certainly be given to Wardens and Deputy-Wardens, as unless these officers have the authority thus to act, their hands must necessarily be seriously tied. An officer who comes upon an offender in the woods cannot possibly procure a search warrant without going to the nearest town or settlement to procure one, and by the time he returns the offender has of course made good his escape. This is a matter which I think should receive the attention of the Government during the coming session when I hope to see the law amended as I suggest.

GAME AND FISHERY ACTS.

Referring to the Game and Fishery Acts, I think I am justified in saying that they have been almost universally approved of. There is yet room in both, perhaps, for improvement, but inasmuch as they provide for a system whereby the laws can be made effective ; and as they have been framed with a view of protecting and thereby

increasing the Game and Fish of the Province, they have received the support of all right-thinking people. There are points upon which sportsmen themselves differ, but taken as a whole there can be no doubt that the present laws are good and satisfactory and that they are generally endorsed throughout the Province.

Not only is this the case, but there is no manner of doubt that the Game and Fish have been protected during the past season as they never have been protected before in the history of Ontario.

The reports which I have received from sportsmen themselves, from officers of the various gun clubs in the Province, from guides, trappers, hunters, and railway and express agents lead me to believe beyond any peradventure that not one-quarter of the game has been killed this year as compared with former seasons.

This is a state of affairs upon which the Commission can well congratulate itself, and even those who have grumbled this year at the restrictions which have been put on the slaughter of former years will find next season that game of all sorts will probably be more plentiful and that the Province will be a distinct gainer by the vigorous enforcement of the laws.

I am pleased to be able to say further that the laws appear to be popular amongst settlers and persons living in unorganized districts, upon whom it was feared at first that the laws might bear very heavily. A wise provision contained in the Acts whereby these settlers were given power to kill game at all seasons for their own immediate use and for the reasonable necessities of their families, has perfectly satisfied them, and I think I may say that the settlers themselves are amongst the warmest supporters of the laws.

FISH.

I regret to say that owing to the dispute in the matter of the Fisheries at present existing between the Dominion and Ontario Governments very little has been attempted in the way of fish protection or propagation. So unsatisfactory is the present state of things that I have deemed it best to remain almost inactive, and I have no report therefore to make on this subject except to express the hope that the matter may be settled one way or another at an early date so that we may know just what our powers are and what we may or may not do.

TROUT HATCHERIES.

I issued during the season with the authority of the Board, three permits to owners of private Trout Hatcheries to take trout for the purpose of collecting eggs. These permits were issued to

WILLIAM ROWBOTHAM, Redickville.
G. A. LACY, Hillsburg.
JOHN DAVIS, Alton.

and reports from these gentlemen as to the result of their operations will be found annexed to this report.

SALE OF FISH.

I beg to point out that there is nothing in the Fisheries' Act to prohibit the sale of fish during the close season "no matter where killed or procured."

For want of such a clause as this, the law is openly violated and I think that it cannot be amended too soon.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

I have to report that fifty-six shooting licenses were issued to foreign sportsmen during the season at \$25 each, making a total revenue of \$1,400.

This does not mean, I fear, that only fifty-six foreigners shot in Ontario, but it shows what might be expected under a perfect system (which we certainly have not had during the year,) and I have no reason to doubt, that with better facilities next year in the way of paid Wardens who can give their entire time to the work, this sum can be very largely increased.

A list of the persons to whom these licenses were issued will be found annexed to this report.

PROSECUTIONS.

I beg to point out that, whereas, under the Fisheries' Act, three months are allowed after the commission of an offence in which information may be laid, only two months are allowed under the Game Act, and as longer time is frequently needed in which to hunt up evidence and prepare cases, I strongly urge that three months be allowed for this purpose instead of two.

ABSTRACTS.

No fewer than 20,000 large posters and 10,000 pamphlets containing an abstract of the Game and Fishery Laws have been distributed throughout the Province during the season. These have been found to be very useful and have undoubtedly filled a long-felt want.

I may say here that the abstracts were drawn up by me personally. They were gotten up hurriedly to fill the requirements of the hour, and if they are not as full as they might have been, or if errors have crept into them, mine alone is the fault.

DIGESTS.

A very complete Digest of the Game and Fishery Laws has been published lately by Mr. A. H. O'Brien, Barrister-at-law, Toronto.

This little work is specially adapted for the use of the Wardens and Deputy-Wardens, and I think that each of these officers should be supplied with a copy at the earliest possible moment.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. D. STEWART,
Secretary and Chief Warden.

REPORTS OF WARDENS.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Secretary and Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., 31st December, 1892.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my work as one of your Wardens for the past year.

For several weeks following my appointment, my time was mainly devoted to corresponding with leading men in various localities, with a view of getting them to nominate reliable men to act as Deputy-Wardens.

This, however, did not prove very satisfactory, as very often the reply was, that it was impossible to get men on whom they could rely to accept the position, on account of there being no salary attached; on the other hand some of my correspondents submitted names for appointment, which I forwarded to you together with the names of the parties by whom they were recommended.

With regard to the shooting of Game Birds prior to the opening of the season, I have not found that there was any shooting of Ducks, but some complaints were made of boys shooting Plover around the shores of the Bay of Quinte. I could not, however, obtain sufficient evidence on which to prosecute.

The regulations with regard to the shooting of Wild Fowl, I believe, have been well observed, with the exception of the clause respecting shooting after sunset. Considerable difficulty has been experienced by the Deputy-Wardens in putting a stop to this practice, as it is next to impossible to detect the culprit in the dark, and it has been suggested, that if it were possible, a regulation should be made prohibiting shooters to be out in the marshes with their boats after sundown. In that case offenders could be identified on their arrival at the landing places.

The regulations in regard to Partridge have been remarkably well observed, no breach of the law having come within my personal observation. I may say, however, that a marked copy of a newspaper was sent me some three or four weeks after its publication, in which it was stated that large quantities of Partridge were being shipped in boxes and barrels from the neighborhood of Sharbot Lake to Brockville and Morris-town. Owing to the opening of the season for Deer, I was unable to make any inquiries as to the truth of the statement. On the whole, the regulations respecting Partridge have had a very beneficial effect, as the birds are plentiful in many localities, and I have reason to believe, if the seasons are at all favorable for the hatching of the young, that in a couple of years, birds will be quite numerous wherever there is cover to be found.

Regarding the hunting of Deer, the season proved rather unfavorable for the sportsmen, and that, together with the amendments of the laws, which came into force this year for the first time, has made it quite apparent that not more than half the number have been taken this season as compared with former years. It is reported on all hands that Deer are quite numerous in the various localities frequented by hunters, showing that they have not been disturbed to anything like the same extent as in previous seasons. It does not appear that hunting parties, as a rule, have killed or taken more than the number allowed by law. Violations of the Act, however, have been of frequent occurrence, chiefly by the killing of Fawns and shooting on the Lord's Day.

The clause prohibiting the killing of Fawns has proven to be a very vexatious one, and, I think, should be replaced altogether or amended in such a way as to render it easier to obtain a conviction. As it now stands, it is impossible to convict, unless the witnesses for the prosecution have made an expert examination of the animal, and that can rarely be done. Experience has taught me that nine out of every ten cases can be successfully defended, unless such expert testimony is forthcoming.

During the season, and whenever an opportunity occurred, I made careful inquiries respecting the Fish in our northern waters, and if we are to believe the settlers it is apparent that in many of the lakes the Salmon-Trout are steadily diminishing in numbers. As to the probable cause of this, I am not prepared to make a statement, although it has been suggested that a cause may be found in the fact that the coarser fish, such as Suckers and Bull-Heads, are as steadily on the increase in the same waters, and, I think, that the depletion of these waters is due to some such cause rather than to excessive fishing.

I may say in connection with the subject of Fish that the settlers invariably express the wish that the Government would take some steps towards the restocking of the waters. Further, I may say that although the fishing does not appear to have been excessive, it does appear that a good deal of illegal fishing has been done, and I have obtained a number of convictions for offences of this kind.

I may say that the guardianship of the inland waters is not as satisfactory as I could wish; it happens that many of the lakes on which these illegal practices are indulged in are considerable distances away from settlements and consequently beyond the immediate supervision of any of our Deputies. A satisfactory arrangement might be made with assistance from the Department of Crown Lands, whereby these men could be paid for their services.

I understand there is an arrangement between that Department and the lumbermen, by which each pays so much toward the pay of Fire-Wardens. The lumbermen, however, control the appointment, and, naturally enough, appoint friends of their own to watch their depots where their sleighs and other effects are stored. These Fire-Wardens are supposed to be Deputies under the Act, but, as a matter of fact, they take no interest in the matter, and I believe many of them are little better than Fish pirates themselves.

Now, if the Department of Crown Lands would reverse the order of things and select the Fire-Wardens from amongst the number of our Deputies, the pay attached to the position would enable them to devote their time to a very great extent to the necessities of the service, while it would not in any way interfere with their duties as Fire-Wardens.

I would suggest that special efforts ought to be made for the better protection of Fish in those waters known as the Rideau Lakes; these are the great fishing grounds of our American visitors, and unless a stop be put to the annual slaughter of Black Bass by this class of sportsmen, Bass fishing in the Rideau Lakes will soon be a thing of the past.

I have no hesitation in recommending that a \$5 license fee should be at once imposed on Americans or any other foreign anglers; that this is the proper course to pursue is the universal opinion of the people in this part of the country.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. K. SMITH,
Game and Fish Warden.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden, Hamilton,
Fish and Game Commission.

BEAUMARIS, MUSKOKA, 19th Dec., 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor of transmitting to you my first annual report in respect to the Fish and Game in the northern portion of this Province.

The new laws are as a rule highly thought of by the settlers, and are on all sides admitted to be the best Game Laws which have yet been framed in the Province. The one exception they take is to the running of dogs, which the majority decidedly object to. This mode of hunting is principally practised by outside sportsmen.

The laws have been well observed, and the prosecutions for infractions have been comparatively few, those which occurred will have a most salutary effect on hunters in the future.

The number of hunters who have participated in the sport of Deer hunting has been unusually large this fall, possibly so from the fact that most came up about the same time owing to the shortening of the season, but the number of Deer taken out has been small compared with past years.

The very rough weather, combined with the shortening of the open season, has proved a further source of protection to the Deer. I estimate that on the whole not one-half the number have been shipped out as compared to other seasons. On one line of lake steamers count was kept of the number of Deer conveyed by them, and the result was fully fifty per cent. less than on former occasions, and I believe this would be an indication as to the number conveyed by all routes.

The Deer are more plentiful in the townships bordering on the back country than they have been for years.

Partridges have been very scarce and the new regulation prohibiting the sale of these birds has just come into operation in time.

With regard to Fish, the unsettled question between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, as to which has the jurisdiction over the inland waters, proves a great stumbling-block to the Overseers, as several parties who have been prosecuted for infringements under the Provincial Laws have appealed to the Courts on the grounds that the Province has no right to interfere in what appeared to them Dominion matters, and have thus caused quite an amount of trouble. Until this question is settled I fear no really satisfactory work will be done.

Netting and spearing on the spawning beds is not carried on to such an extent as in years gone by, still cases occur, notably on Trading Lake, where to secure convictions it would necessitate the presence of a Warden during the entire spawning season.

I would call your attention to the present close season of the Salmon-Trout, viz. : from the 1st to the 30th November. This fish is on the beds by the 10th October as a rule, and the spawning is almost over by the 1st November—the date on which the close season commences.

I have experienced a great deal of trouble in getting persons to consent to act as Deputy-Wardens, and have consequently had to recommend several who, under other circumstances, could have been improved on.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. WILLMOTT,
Game and Fish Warden.

To A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Secretary Game and Fish Commission.

DUNNVILLE, 26th Jan., 1893.

SIR,—I beg to submit a report of my work during the season just closed.

Immediately on receiving my appointment, I went over the local Game and Fishing grounds, and consulted with every person whom I knew to be more or less acquainted with the Game questions. I found them generally agreed that the Game should have been protected long ago, and the Act to amend the Act for the protection of Game and Fur-bearing animals, also the practical means enacted to put the same in force, was thought by them to be a move in the right direction. It is a well-known fact that our native Game birds have been rapidly decreasing of late years, especially the Partridge and Quail which could at one time be found on every farm in this portion of Ontario.

I think the present Game Laws have had a telling effect on the protection of such Game, for responsible people have so informed me wherever I have gone in search of evidence. Many hunters think the Partridge has become almost extinct in this locality. I have heard of very few having been taken in this vicinity this season. Duck shooting along the Grand River before sunrise was attempted and actually occurred in a few instances, but the fear of the law stopped many and others being fully in accord with the law, waited until the legal time for their favorite sport. Sunday shooting and fishing has almost entirely been stopped. It used to be very common along the Grand River and the shores of Lake Erie in this vicinity.

I have carefully posted all bills sent to me and circulated all copies of the Game and Fish Laws that I received, and I have instructed every one who desired to assist in enforcing the law.

I have spent considerable time in travelling about enforcing the law, and I found that I had often to be on the ground between three and four o'clock in the morning in certain places and localities where I was not expected to appear by the shooters; by so doing I caught some in the act, but they agreed not to break the law again, and I believe they kept their word in regard to early and late shooting.

Some of the Deputy-Wardens in this locality have rendered fairly good service but some of them I think are worthless.

The close season for Musk-Rats in this section should be, I think, from the first of May until the first of March the following year; as it is, now, the hunters trap and spear all the young and half-grown kittens in the first part of the season, and also destroy a great number of the rat houses; thus the rats have but a slim chance of reproduction for another year.

I have not yet been able to visit all the sections in this district, but I hope to get over the ground in time.

The American shooters who came to this district during the season were few in number, and those who did come contented themselves with fishing for a day or two or with hiring a guide to go shooting with his dog and gun, while the visitors would carry the game bag and pick up the game shot. All the Americans that I saw, objected to take out licences for a year and tried hard to get permits but were refused.

In regard to the Fish, I hardly know what to say, as I have not given the fish much attention thus far, because the Dominion Officials claim all the over-sight in this vicinity, and I hardly know as yet whether there are any waters containing fish that come under my authority or not.

Dr. McCallum of this village, at his own expense, placed several hundred Carp Fry in the Grand River above Dunnville this season, and there are many who think that the Government should do something in that line also, for the opinion strongly prevails that our inland waters contain much fewer Game Fish than they did in the days of twenty years ago when every boy could capture a good-sized string of fish in an hour or two, while now it beats some of our best experts to catch a dozen or so in a whole day.

Everything connected with fishing, at or near the mouth of the Grand River, goes to show that all gill, pound, or other net fishing, should be regulated so as to allow the fish to come into the mouth of the river to spawn, and ascend the fish slide into the upper river, which lacks many fish that used to be quite common in the upper waters of this

fine river ; and also many fish are wasted on account of the very small craft used in hauling the nets ashore ; for in case of rough weather the men cannot go out to get their nets and then it often occurs that the nets have to be left out three or four days longer than at first intended, on account of bad weather, and when brought in the most, if not all the catch is rotten, and has to be cast off and buried, thus wasting great quantities of fish.

The opinion is widely spread that fish is becoming a very valuable part of our food supply, and that it will soon be much more valued for dietetic variety, and healthfulness alone, apart from its sport value.

I feel that this report is not nearly so well and fully written as I had intended it should be, but trust it may meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN A. GILL,

Game and Fish Warden.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden.

LEAMINGTON, January, 25th, 1893.

SIR,—I hereby submit a report, regarding my duties and observations during my term of office, commencing the 1st of September, 1892, up to 1st January, 1893.

The protection of the frontiers on which I have been working, is very important, as the western district is differently situated from any other part of our Province, and therefore more difficulty is experienced in enforcing the dignity of the law, regarding the protection of Fish and Game.

From within two miles of the town of Amherstburg to Port Lambton, a distance about forty miles, we have a splendid hunting ground for Ducks, and American and other foreign sportsmen are constantly poaching on it along the whole line.

It is almost impossible to capture the violaters under the present circumstances within the district I have mentioned. There are at least three places of importance, on the American side directly facing Canada, these being the City of Wyandotte, facing the Anderdon Marsh; the City of Detroit opposite Windsor; and the City of Port Huron opposite Sarnia; besides little villages too numerous to mention.

The poaching never ceases, the Americans having no close season in spring time. Time after time I have been disappointed in endeavoring to make arrests, both for Sunday shooting and poaching by foreigners, simply because we could not compete in speed with the offenders who generally have fast sail, or steam yachts, and return to American waters before they can be arrested. These do more harm than the ordinary hunter, as they have swivel guns attached to their boats using a half-pound of powder to about two pounds of shot to a load, and often killing from fifteen to twenty Ducks at one shot. They have also strong field glasses, and can sight a man for a very long distance.

Requests have reached me from many quarters to stop Sunday shooting, but I might as well try to stop the sun, as I am powerless to do so without some suitable craft, it is no small matter to row fifteen to eighteen miles with a row-boat and then find the hunters gone when you reach there. I would recommend that the Government should obtain a steam launch, and patrol the Detroit River from Amherstburg and up to the St. Clair Flats to Port Lambton, at least eight months of the year, and good results would come from doing so, more revenue to the Government and more arrests for Sunday shooting and poaching. It would not be very expensive to run, as one good man besides myself could manage it satisfactorily and extra help can be secured at any time.

A little house should be built on Turkey Island, cost about \$150, for watchman in case of storm at night, as it lies opposite Wyandotte within one and a half miles of all important hunting grounds, including the Anderdon shooting grounds, surrounded by the channels in Canadian waters, from which we could speedily be on hand when necessary.

While travelling over the counties in my district I found that different plans are resorted to to get rid of paying the license. Some foreigners come over without guns and get them from their friends in Canada, and pass themselves off for Canadian citizens, others will take out license, and transfer them to their friends when not using them themselves.

I would strongly recommend that every Warden should have power to examine the club books to ascertain how many foreigners belong to each club in his district. I have a book containing the names and addresses of the Anderdon Gun Club, 34 Americans and 9 Canadians, but I should have access to the books of all other sporting clubs, then I would know who of them have taken out licenses.

There are many sporting clubs on Mitchel's Bay and St. Clair Flats, and a visit should be made there at least once a year, and in this case a steam launch would be of great service.

It is difficult for the Warden to tell Americans who pass themselves as Canadians. The licenses to be issued this coming season they should show the address and full name of the owner, and a clause should be added to the Game Act providing for a \$25 to \$50 fine or three months' imprisonment for transferring them to any other person; there would not then be so many Americans hunting on Canadian soil without a license.

Quail have been plentiful in some localities, while in others they were scarce. Many reasons are given, but in the County of Essex early birds were destroyed and drowned owing to the wet spring, and the second hatching was not fit to shoot when hunting began, as many birds were only as large Black Birds. A great many sportsmen would like to have the season changed to a later date.

Partridge were not so plentiful and a great many fell prey to the fox and skunks. A Provincial Law should be passed providing for a bounty on foxes instead of leaving it to the local Councils, who are often indifferent to such by-laws.

I find Kent County has some of the best hunting grounds in the Province, and great credit is due to local sportsmen for the way they feed and protect Quail and Partridge. Wild Turkeys are still to be found in some places. Something should be done to encourage the extermination of Wild Cats, which are quite plentiful between Bothwell and Newberry, in a swamp five miles in length and three to four in width. Almost every winter some of these animals are killed, and a bounty of \$10, the same as is paid for Wolves, would induce hunters to make a business of killing them.

Ducks are still plentiful and can be seen by the hundreds every Spring and Fall at Rondeau and all along the line from Anderdon to the St. Clair Flats. Excellent shooting is obtained at Mitchel's Bay. The best grounds are not for the public, but are owned by the sporting clubs.

I have heard much complaint regarding the Rabbit season. Most sportsmen claim that the Cotton Tail is the Michigan Rabbit which migrated to Canada at the time of the Michigan fires via Walpole Island, as the river between the United States and Canada is narrow there, while English sportsmen say they were imported from the Old Country directly, and claim they are not the Leslie Hare. Farmers kill them right along all over the country, and some of them who have no guns invite their friends to kill them, as they are injurious to the peach and apple orchards. I have visited some orchards and think there is proof that these claims are true. Some use wire netting for protection, which makes it expensive. Farmers in general should adopt the Australian motto by soaking any kind of cloth or cotton rags in blood, easily obtained at the slaughter houses, and wrap it around the trees. The Rabbits will then never bother them.

The farmers are generally friends to the Quail and Partridge, and prohibit boys and pot-hunters shooting game out of season.

A few men in each township make it a business to kill Foxes, but are generally men above reproach and well known to sporting men.

The Fish question has not as yet received as much attention by me as it should, on account of my having been busy looking after poachers, but from general observation the law is well obeyed by Canadian fishermen. But the American Fish Commission should act in conjunction with the Canadians, and recommend to their respective Government laws of an International character for the protection of Fish.

I am, yours respectfully,

F. C. QUALLINS,

Game and Fish Warden.

Report of Special Patrol made by C. N. Chapman, Deputy-Warden, of Huntsville, Muskoka.

To A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—On the morning of Friday, November 4th, at 5.15 a.m., I got into my canoe and came east up north shores of Fairy and Peninsula Lakes, landing at foot of Copland's Bay, and struck north up town line between Chaffey and Sinclair to Nere Out and Jerry's Lakes, and found one hunting party of five. They had killed no Deer at all. Came north-east to East River and made wigwam of blanket and poles, and camped for night; it has been snowing all day. Distance 14 miles.

Saturday, November 5th. Pushed on up river to crossing-place; water too high; went on up to still water and built a raft and crossed. Found that some ill-disposed person had set fire to my log shanty and burnt it and its contents, owing to my holding office of Deputy-Warden; heard 3 hounds and saw party of men *en route* for their camp. No violations. Distance 8 miles.

Sunday, November 6th. Was on the move all day; visited four camps, two on river, one on Raft Lake Creek and one at Big Rock. Heard no shots nor hounds to-day.

Monday, November 7th. I tramped up north bank to Raft Lake to see Coulter's party. No Deer; don't water well this season owing to too much water in the woods. On returning I fell in with eight men from Huntsville, camped in old lumber shanty at mouth of Rebecca Creek. They had no luck yet. Heavy rain all day. 13 miles.

Tuesday, November 8th. Crossed river and walked to Sand and Rebecca Lakes. Found six hunters; no violations; rain. Distance 15 miles.

Wednesday, November 9th. Went north-east to Distress Rapids and saw Myer's party of eight. They have three bucks. Came to Boundary Lake, thence south to camp. Beautiful day. Distance 21 miles.

Thursday, November 10th. Came south-west down north bank of river 5 miles, thence over Bailey's Bridge south-east to Harp Lake, thence to Copland's Bay, and to Huntsville *via* south shore of Fairy Lake. Visited four camps and found all right. Awful cold north wind. Distance 23 miles.

Friday, November 11th. Went north to Con. 4, Chaffey, and east and south to Little Lake. Came on camp; men out hunting, five in number; they had two Does and one Buck; thence south to canal and into Township of Brunel to Weed Lake and home. Distance 18½ miles.

Saturday, November 12th. Went west up shore of Vernon Lake to Raven's Cliff, thence on to Hoodstown. Came on four men waiting for hounds on runway which crossed my trail. They said they had only three deer at their camp. I doubted them and went to see for myself, but found they spoke the truth. I returned by old road. Wet day. Distance 18 miles.

Monday, November, 14th. I boarded the steamer Erastus Wiman and went to the portage between Trading and Peninsula Lakes over which all parties must come to connect with the railway. Four parties crossed to-day, they had five big Deer, but no Fawns. I opened two boxes, much to their disgust, thinking they might contain Fawns or Partridge, but they did not.

Tuesday, November 15th. I kept a sharp lookout here all day. Two parties came to take the boat with Deer. No violations.

I will keep an open eye for any venison on and after the 20th November, and if I have the good fortune to catch any violator, he shall receive his dues to the utmost rigor of the law.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES N. CHAPMAN,
Deputy-Warden.

Report of Special Patrol by Deputy-Warden Chas. N. Chapman through Townships of Finlayson, McCraney, and Butt.

To A. D. STEWART,
Chief Warden.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 1893. I left Huntsville at 4.30 a.m. with an Indian sleigh, pair of blankets, axe, rifle, food, snowshoes, etc., with one Chris. A. Peacock as companion. Cold, sharp wind. Thermometer registered 42 below zero. Took east road to Grassmere 6 miles, thence north-east 4 miles to Field's Corners. Here Peacock rued coming; said he was played out, took his things and left me to push on alone. Went east to Joe Heart's, nine miles, and camped. Tired out. Day's tramp 19 miles.

Wednesday, January 11th. Left Heart's at 8 a.m., came to Hood's Portage; hired horse and jumper to take me and pack to Peelar settlement. Camped at C. Peelar's, ill with cold chills and fever. 10 miles.

Thursday, January 12th. I laid up here all day and took a rest as I felt played out. Cold and stormy.

Friday, January 13th. Broke trail to river crossing, being heavy work. Snow deep and ice on river unsafe in places.

Saturday, January 14th. Cadged provisions to river crossing, hung them up in trees and came to lumber camp for night.

Sunday, January 15th. I hired a man to help me carry my stuff and break a trail over the hills and Sucker Lake to Moose Lake in township of McCraney. Camped on south end Moose Lake, sent the man home. Cut wood for night. I think this the hardest day's work I have ever done. I am thankful that I have at last reached the level of the lakes.

Monday, January 16th. After breakfast I took tea-pail, provisions, axe, rifle and one blanket on my back, put on snowshoes and struck north up the lake. Snowshoeing very heavy. I tramped on to Weed Lake, boiled a pot of tea and ate a bite, and reached Clancey's camp on Rainy Lake at dark. After hunting in the bush for some time in the dark, I found a dry cedar and soon had a good fire, and cooked supper.

Tuesday, January 17th. Struck north up 25th side road to Cedar Lake, thence north to Serpent Lake, crossed lake at island and crossed boundary and camped beside an old uprooted pine. Chilled through and through by falling through the ice.

Wednesday, January 18th. I was kept awake all night by the howling of wolves, my feet were so cold this morning that I had to crawl on my hands and knees till I found dry wood to rekindle my fire. About one mile north on river I found a log camp in which I found hanging up 350 feet of gill-net for Salmon-Trout with floats and lead sinkers. Leaving the net till my return I went to south-west shore of Eagle Lake in township of Butt, the ice was not safe. I saw new camp, not used since fall, but no signs of any one. Not having time or food enough to allow me to remain longer, I returned to camp.

Thursday, January 19th. Had a good sleep. Kept warm. Burnt net and floats at sunrise, and cut a hole in the ice and threw the sinkers in the lake. I could not carry them so had to destroy them. Struck south; reached Rainy Lake after dark.

Friday, January 20th. Came south to Moose Lake and camped in Kibble's camp, where I enjoyed a good warm night's rest with my friendly blanket.

Saturday, January 21st. At an early hour I heard a hound giving tongue. I took my rifle and ran up the lake to the big hill where the runway is, just in time to see the hound chasing after a Doe. I shot the dog, and if the wolves haven't eaten him he is likely there yet. I mended snow shoes which took nearly all day.

Sunday, January 22nd. Came south to Nelson's Lake and camped in old house ; made fire in one end and chopped a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. As it is Sunday and I have come 8 miles I intend to take a rest.

Monday, January 23rd. Went to post-office ; when returning I overheard about a trapper who had set for Beaver on the West Branch.

Tuesday, January 24. Started north again and camped with C. Peelar for the night.

Wednesday, January 25. Went to West Branch and found a fresh snowshoe trail going north. I followed it to the forks and found a No. 3 Newhouse trap set for Beaver and baited with birch browse. I smashed the trap and put it in the river. The track went round the swale and to the sleigh road.

Thursday, January 26th. Came to camp on Loon Lake, loaded my sleigh and started out. Camped for night on Hood's Portage.

Friday, January 28th. I left portage at 7 a.m. and arrived home in Huntsville at 8 p.m., having walked all the way. 26 miles.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. N. CHAPMAN,
Deputy-Warden.

Report of Special Patrol by W. J. Wheeler, Deputy-Warden of Haliburton.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Fish and Game Commission.

SIR,—In compliance with your desire, as expressed in your letter to Mr. C. R. Stewart, I started on Tuesday morning Nov. 8th, to Koklong Lake, in the Township of Glamorgan, and returned the following evening. At Koklong Lake I found a party of five, headed by Mr. W. Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, camped and hunting. They were all in proper order, and expressed their approval of the law of which I was acting as servant.

At the head of Koklong Lake I found Mr. Thomas McGee and George English, of Omemee, a party of six in all. They had five Deer. There were no Fawns killed in either party.

Portaged into Bark Lake, and stopped there the night with Samuel Wright. There was no hunting on Bark Lake. I notified all parties I met with, that I was appointed Deputy-Warden, and should be around all the time to watch that the law was observed. The Omemee hunting party said they were well pleased to find that there were Deputy-Wardens at work to enforce the law.

I called on a man named John McNelly, who I know to be a man who has regularly killed Deer at all seasons of the year, and notified him regarding the law. He admitted he had shot two Deer, and I warned him he was not to kill any more, and read the Act to him. I got back to Dysart railway station in time for the evening train.

I made a round in the two days of nearly forty miles, including the railway. There are two men who need watching, but all the rest of the people will, I think, regard the law, and my trip around has had the effect of convincing them that the law will be enforced.

I now await your instructions, and recommend that you should employ me to make a trip through the north lakes, of about four days.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

W. J. WHEELER.
Deputy-Warden.

Report of Special Patrol by W. J. Wheeler, Deputy-Warden of Haliburton.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Secretary Fish and Game Commission.

HALIBURTON, Nov. 24, 1892.

SIR,—In compliance with instructions received from you through Mr. C. R. Stewart. I have been attending faithfully to the duties of Deputy-Warden. Last Wednesday, the 16th, the fur buyers, by arrangement, met in this village, and the hunters and trappers for one hundred miles around, came to the appointment. There were three fur buyers, one from Kingston, one from Peterborough and one from Toronto, and about twenty-five trappers. Previous to the meeting I went to Drag Lake, and stood in the portage across which a considerable number of the trappers would have to pass, and inspected their packages as far as practicable. I found no illegal skins. There was about \$1,500 worth of skins disposed of in Haliburton, but I do not think there was a single skin disposed of contrary to law. The fur buyers expressed their approval of my being present, and at their request I inspected all their packages before they were shipped on the railway.

On Monday morning, Nov. 21, I left here and went to Drag Lake, and made a long round by canoe and road, through the district north of here. I visited Crooked Lake, Oblong Lake, Moore Lake and several other lakes, and was on foot for three days. I found that there were no hunting camps of any kind, and it was only in one place that I found any antagonism to the Act, and that was a family named Sawyer, who declared they would shoot a Deer whenever they wanted one. They have all their lives been partly dependent on hunting for subsistence. They abused me loudly, but I warned them of the consequences which would follow if they broke the law.

I can, in brief, report that the law through this district has been singularly well observed, and I believe that it was the knowledge that I was travelling around that led more or less to its observance.

I shall make further investigations when the period for "crust" hunting arrives.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. J. WHEELER,
Deputy-Warden.

Report of Special Patrol by Aaron Biggs, Deputy-Warden of Pembroke.

To A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Game Warden for Ontario.

PEMBROKE, 19th December, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to submit the following report of special duty performed by Mr. Ruben Sweezy and myself in connection with the preservation of Game.

On the morning of November 10, I left Pembroke alone, at 4 a.m., and drove up the South Branch of the Indian River, making headquarters at Oak Creek sixteen miles from Pembroke where the Deer were somewhat plentiful, and violations of the law were most likely to occur. From that centre I travelled in every direction, on foot, averaging twenty-five to thirty miles per day. While alone I travelled for the most part on the South Branch, and in the region between the North and South Branches, going about six miles South of the South Branch, almost to the Bonnechere River in many cases.

On the morning of November 24th I was joined by Mr. Sweezy and together we travelled for eleven days more, taking in the North Branch and travelling north and west of this branch. On this trip we found three different hunting parties whom I warned and who left for home at once. On Dec. 3rd, in company with Mr. Sweezy, I arrested one George Acheson who had a Deer in his possession. I brought him to Pembroke at once and had him fined \$20 and costs. We posted the printed notices and warnings, in all the old shanties and in other conspicuous places. On this trip we found a place where the skins of fifty Deer had been grained during last February, and I was informed by a settler that sixty-five Deer had been killed in that vicinity during February of 1891. The consequence is that Deer are now very scarce in that locality. I learned that the Deer had been run by dogs and killed on the "runways" with axes. This can be easily done in the deep snow.

I occupied December 5th with prosecuting the case against Acheson. December 6th I spent in making preparations for another trip. On the morning of December 7th Mr. Sweezy and myself started for the Opeongo country, going by way of Eganville, making headquarters at a point sixty miles South-west of Pembroke. We visited and travelled the country around Dacre, Burn's Lake, Brudenell Corners, Bark Lake and McLaughlin's Depot. Returning we travelled the North side of Bark Lake, intending to spend a day or two in that neighborhood but were compelled to return on account of prevalence of diphtheria. We could not get admission to any house for food, or shelter, the Detectives and Health Officers forbidding all travellers to stop at the settlers' houses. On this trip we posted notices and warnings at every conspicuous point on the road. There appeared to be no attempt at violating the law, probably to be accounted for by the widespread prevalence of diphtheria. Deer, also appeared to be scarce and we found no traces of illegal hunting.

We started for Pembroke on December 10th, I having been one month and one day engaged in special duty. Mr. Sweezy was with me fifteen days.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON BIGGS,
Deputy-Warden.

OPINIONS OF PROMINENT SPORTSMEN

AND PERSONS KNOWN TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE
PROTECTION AND PROPAGATION OF GAME AND FISH IN
ONTARIO, IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING CIRCULAR.

ONTARIO GAME AND FISH COMMISSION.

HAMILTON, Jan. 20th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—The Commissioners are about to present their first annual report to the Ontario Legislature, and are desirous, before doing so, of ascertaining from the leading sportsmen in the Province and from others who are known to be interested in the protection of Game and Fish, whether, in their opinion, the present Game Laws have worked satisfactorily during the past season, and whether the efforts of the Government, through the Commissioners, to protect and propagate Game and Fish in the Province should be continued.

There will not be room in the Commissioners' report for very lengthy answers, and I will be obliged, therefore, when replying to this circular if you will condense your remarks, making them as brief as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation for the courtesy of your reply, which I hope to receive at your earliest convenience,

I am,

Yours very truly,

A. D. STEWART,

Secretary and Chief Warden.

REPLIES.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,

Chief Warden,

Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

124 JAMES STREET SOUTH,

HAMILTON, 27th Jan., 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular received to-day, I may state that all the sportsmen I have met during the past few months are well pleased with the Game Laws. I have no doubt but that their observance will be of benefit in the near future to the country at large.

It is, however, notorious that spring duck shooting was carried on to a considerable extent in our bay, and loud complaints were made that such was allowed by the commission. In this case, and still more in permitting shooting of the "Cotton-tail," a grave mistake was made. Laws should not be made unless enforced. God help the country whose citizens believe that the laws are only made for appearance sake. I know the difficulties from want of means the Commission has had to contend with. It is to be hoped that the Government, boasting as it does of a surplus, will do its duty and grant a much larger sum at the coming session.

I have asked several farmers in the counties about Hamilton if the "Cotton-tails" have done much damage to their crops or trees, and not one of them appeared to know anything about the ravages of these animals. I believe that the reports about the ravages of these hares came from men who were debarred by the laws from shooting them when

the ground is covered with snow and the animals easily tracked. If the farmers were asked to report on this subject we would find that the great majority of them knew nothing about "these ravages." It is in the interest of all that Fish and Game should be protected, and the Legislature should be made to understand that Game Laws are not more in the interest of sportsmen than the general public, if so much.

I remain,

Yours truly,

ARCHD. E. MALLOCH, M.D.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

160 GEORGE STREET,
TORONTO, January 26, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular-letter, January 20, 1893, I would thus briefly state :

1. In my opinion the present Game Law is an excellent one on the whole and should certainly be continued in force. It is well calculated to carry out the objects for which it was framed. I suggest the following slight alterations in the Act :

(a) Section 7. The omission of the word "enclosed" in line 6. It is impossible to enclose properties, otherwise useless, devoted to the protection of Game. The notice boards, at reasonable distance, and a water front should constitute an enclosure under the the Act. It is a hardship to the owners of such properties that they should be excluded from the benefits of the Act under this section, as they are the chief supporters of the Act itself, whose provisions they try to rigorously enforce.

(b) Section 17, clause 1. The information should be made on oath, and violation of the law specified, and date and place stated.

2. As to the enforcement of the Act. Making every allowance for the newly-appointed officers, I do not consider that the present system has worked altogether well during the past season. Clause 2, section 4, has been generally and notoriously violated under my own observation. To remedy this in the future, I am convinced that the Deputy Game Wardens should receive moderate fixed salaries ; and to provide for this would suggest a \$1 duty on all guns used for killing game, and a license tax on all sellers of Game. At present the Deputy Game Wardens have little inducement to do their duty, and the loss of the appointment is of little consequence to them. There is every inducement now for them to favor and screen certain offenders who openly violate the law, and, in some cases, I believe I do not overstate the truth in saying, make money by so doing. A moderate salary would make the position more valued and sought after by a better stamp of men than some of those who have come under my observation.

3. The question of masked men openly violating the law is worthy of the serious consideration of the Commissioners. Within my own knowledge it is not unusual for men so masked to shoot large numbers of wild fowl in the spring and out of season ; and it is almost impossible to convict them. A man masked and with a gun is clearly engaged in some unlawful act, and it should be made an offence under the Act.

4. I firmly believe that the Act, if enforced, will result in a large increase of Fish and Game, the value of which to the community at large is not, I think, fully appreciated at present.

Yours truly,

G. A. SWENEY,

Pres. Turkey Point Co.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

GUELPH, Feb. 14, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—So far as I have had opportunities for forming an opinion, I think the present Game Laws have worked satisfactorily during the past season, and the efforts of the Commissioners should by all means be continued.

There has been in this neighborhood an apparent desire to observe the law, both as regards the seasons and the disposal of Game. I have heard less about infractions than ever before.

I spent some days shooting in the County of Lambton, and I have a similar report to make as to the section where I was.

Yours truly,
A. C. CHADWICK.
Judge Co. Wellington.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Hamilton.

DUNNVILLE, Feb. 14, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—The Game Laws have worked very satisfactorily during the past season in greatly protecting our game with one exception, this is in granting license to Americans.

A case in point: Last season two Buffalo men came to this neighborhood, got license and hired two or three shooting men with dogs, at so many dollars per day, and killed nearly all the Quail for miles around this part of the country. They were at it all through the season, and I have every reason to believe the birds were all taken to Buffalo clandestinely.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK C. LOWE.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

BOBCAYGEON, Feb. 7th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your circular *re* Fish and Game Laws, I think they have worked splendidly during the past season, and would strongly urge the Commission to continue its efforts to protect both Game and Fish. I would advise that the Deputy-Wardens be instructed to be particularly watchful during the close season for Deer. Great numbers were killed during the latter part of November and December of last season.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
C. E. BONNELL, M.D.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Hamilton.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your circular, I beg to say that for the first time our camp was visited this last season by your Warden, who performed his duties in a very discreet and satisfactory manner. The new laws are very good, but in my opinion the danger to the Game is greater during the summer (out of season) than during November. True sportsmen will not destroy, but many summer tourists are exceedingly reckless.

Our party consisted of Americans, with two exceptions, who would willingly give their testimony if needed.

I am,
Yours truly,
WM. J. TOPLEY.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Hamilton.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of date 20th January, I am of opinion that on the whole the Game Laws have worked satisfactorily, but are not enforced sufficiently in strength or breadth. I always thought the open season should be from 15th October to 10th or 15th November—say 10th November. The clause preventing the killing of Fawns every person seems to think of not much value, and it is not viewed seriously by the ordinary sportsman, and I fear not much by the "true blue." I hope open season will be made from 15th October to 10th November.

Yours very truly,
G. C. WOOD.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

WALKERTON, Feb. 15, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of the 20th ult., received yesterday, the present Game and Fish Protection Laws are, I think, much better than any we have ever before had, and they have worked satisfactorily in this district excepting the section against shooting Fawns and restricting each person to two Deer. The latter provision should certainly be changed, for when a party goes into a wilderness to hunt Deer they must have the runways guarded, and to confine a man to two Deer is to compel him to break the law or spoil the hunt as soon as he has killed his two Deer. If the law was changed so as to permit a hunting party to kill twice as many Deer as the number of the party, it would produce the same result and be satisfactory to all.

I am,

Yours truly,

WM. BARRETT.

Judge Co. Bruce.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

TORONTO, 25th Feb., 1893,

DEAR SIR,—Your circular of the 20th Jan. only reached me to-day, or I should have replied sooner.

I think it very desirable that the work of the Commission should be continued, as it has undoubtedly had a very beneficial effect on the protection of Game and Fish in the Province.

The pamphlets, etc., published by the Commission have been very largely circulated and have been the means of informing the public what the Game Laws are. The general public have on their side, in many places, shown a marked desire to see the Game Laws enforced.

The protection of Deer is, I think, one of the most important points the Commission has to deal with, and while the law as it now stands is much better than it was, I am still of opinion that unless the use of dogs is prohibited the Deer will soon be entirely exterminated from the country.

If the Commissioners cannot see their way to recommending the total prohibition of dogs, a compromise might be made between the dog-hunters and the stalkers, by making it illegal to kill the Deer while in the water, and I do not think that the most ardent dog-hunter will have the courage to argue that there is any sport in slaughtering them in the water. If the change were made it would probably be well to increase the length of the season from 1st November to say 25th November. With this exception I have no change to suggest.

Yours truly,

A. H. CAMPBELL, JR.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

ST. THOMAS, 14 Feb., 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of the 20th ult., received only this forenoon, I would simply suggest that owing to the severity of this winter a great many beves of Quail and other Game will be starved to death, and a close season of years should be made in order to give the few that remain as survivors a chance to hatch out new broods.

The slaughter of Quail and Woodcock by pot-hunters, who call themselves sportsmen, actually commences before the close season is over, many begin the day before,

where the Game is known to be in cover or feeding. This is done to be ahead of those who are honest about commencing. The London pot-hunters are particularly given to this habit.

All such men should be double-fined. The Game Laws are for the purpose of fair play amongst sportsmen as well as to preserve the Game

Yours truly,

D. J. HUGHES.

Judge Co. Elgin.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

GRAVENHURST, Feb. 17, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your circular of 20th ult., I think that the organization of the Ontario Game and Fish Commission was a step in the right direction. Good has been accomplished already, and I think the organization should be continued.

Yours,

A. P. COCKBURN.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Hamilton, Ont.

CHATHAM, Feb. 7, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Yours, January 20, to hand, contents looked over, and also thought over. The Game Laws are all right with one exception, that is Woodcock. They should come in on September 1st, in fact that is too late for them in this section of country, and one other thing you yourself could remedy, and that is your Deputies should be men who have some respect for the Sabbath.

Yours truly,

SAMUEL HOLMES.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

SIMCOE, Jan. 28, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am obliged by receipt of your circular of 20th inst. I think the Game and Fish Commission is a step in the right direction and should by all means be continued. For a first year I think its work was reasonably satisfactory. I think the Game Laws should be consolidated so that they can be easily understood and the powers of the Commissioners be made as much as possible independent of party control. Then, with such amendments as from time to time the experience of the Commission may suggest, so as to enable and encourage an actual protection and production of Game and Fish, great good can undoubtedly be done.

Yours faithfully,

D. TISDALE, Q.C., M.P.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

TOTTENHAM, March 3rd, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Your circular is before me, am sorry for the delay. Have been away. Hope it is not too late yet. In reply I must say that as far as my knowledge extends the Game Laws have given good satisfaction. I say, yes, by all means let the Government continue its good work, and when I say this I believe it is the voice of all true sportsmen. I may just add that I think the Deer season might be a little earlier.

Yours respectfully,

F. J. HAMMELL, V.S.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden,
Hamilton.

PARRY SOUND, March 6, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Absence from home caused me to overlook your circular *re* Game and Fish protection up to the present time. If not too late, permit me to say that notwithstanding that the Sub-Warden was not appointed until late in the season, the effect upon the observance of the law as to both Game and Fish was decidedly beneficial. I have lately heard of some crust hunting, but not nearly so much as in former years.

Yours truly,
W. IRELAND.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to yours of the 27th ult., *re* quantity of Game handled during the last season as compared with former years. I caused a circular to be issued to all our Ontario agents asking the question, and I am in receipt of a large percentage of their replies, and the tenor of the whole of them is that the traffic has fallen off a considerable amount during the season of 1892 as compared with former ones. This, no doubt, is due to the efforts put forth by your Commission.

Yours truly,
JAS. BRYCE.
Supt. Canadian Express Co.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Hamilton.

PARRY SOUND, Feb. 1, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—*Re* your Fish and Game circular, January 20, 1893, I believe the present laws are good and would be productive of good if enforced. Fish are caught here at all times (providing Fishing Inspector is absent) in bag-net, pound-net, or any way. Game shot in season and out of season, as may suit the fancy of the shooter. Close season for White-Fish and Salmon-Trout was right this season of 1892. I believe that the action of the Government to protect and propagate Game and Fish in Ontario should be continued.

Your obedient servant,
J. M. ANSLEY.

A. D. STEWART, Hamilton.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 30, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I gave Mr. H. K. Smith my views of the Game Laws and their operation so far as they come under my observation, at some length. I think he handed them in to the Commissioners. I am fully in accord with the Game and Fishery Laws, and would strongly urge their continuance. Of course modifications should be made in some cases—amongst others, duck-shooting should be between daylight and dark, or same as old law, one hour next before and one hour next after sunrise and sunset respectively. Rabbits should be allowed to be shot in old settled-up localities, except where there are quail up to, say January or February. The law should be made so as to apply to different counties the same as in some of the different States. What might apply here would not be suitable for another locality. Not one "cast-iron" rule for

the whole Province. Our Government should urge strongly upon the Government of Quebec to make their law as to Beaver and Moose the same as our own. Beaver and Moose are now being killed by the Indians and others out North, and the skins smuggled away to the Province of Quebec and sold there.

Special Wardens should be appointed in the Fall to watch some of our northern lakes, such as Bark Lake, Little and Big Opeongo, McDougall's Lake and the Victoria. Large quantities of Trout are illegally taken there every fall.

I could give you the names of men in different localities and Indians who should be especially watched. Of course we cannot expect to make the law perfect all at once.

Yours truly,

E. B. FRALECK,

Junior Judge Co. Hastings.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 30, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your circular of 20th, respecting the working of the Game Laws during the past season being satisfactory or otherwise. They being so much preferable to all previous enactments, I consider that the efforts of the Government, through the Commissioners, to protect and propagate Game and Fish in the Province should be continued. I consider that more and better protection would be rendered by taxing the guns when in the hands of persons off from their own premises, and at least half of the fee realized therefrom be paid to the Deputy-Wardens. There should be one in each Township. The open season for the shooting of Duck, Ruffed-Grouse, Woodcock, Snipe, Plover, etc., should be of the same date, either 1st or 15th September, former preferable. The shooting of Fawn should not be restricted as it is hard to distinguish them from matured Deer when in cover. Deer should be permitted to be taken out of the country by non-residents who have paid license for shooting, as well as Duck shot under such circumstances. The latter should not be confined to the shooting 300, as such restriction does not seem to afford any protection against their diminution, as those not shot here go away and are liable to be shot elsewhere. Non-residents distribute considerable money when hunting here by their hire of guides, transportation, and otherwise, and thereby are acceptable, and consequently I urgently recommend that the Game Laws receive such amendments as will permit them to take out of the country what Deer (not exceeding two) and Ducks they may shoot.

Very truly yours,

S. D. WOODRUFF.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden.

SIMCOE, Jan. 31, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular I beg to say true sportsmen have kept the law and poachers and marketers have profited thereby. Right here Partridge and Quail have been sold on the sly, and just where I told your Wardens they would be. As long as a man can legally go through the haunts of the Quail, Woodcock, and Partridge for Cotton-tail, just so long will the law be an utter failure. These are facts. A limited time might be allowed after the hour of sunset for killing Duck. Wild Geese can only be killed here in the spring, and clubmen who are willing to sacrifice this do so to save the annoyance and expense of spring protection of their preserves.

Yours truly,

H. H. GROFF.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.
Chief Warden,
Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, Jan. 30, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of 20th inst., I am of opinion that the present Game Laws have worked better than any laws previously in force, and also that the Government should continue to use every means in its power to protect and propagate Game and Fish in this Province. I think, however, that the Game Wardens should be paid salaries, and should be in every case active and fearless men who are, in so far as possible, unaffected by local influences.

I am, dear sir,
Yours very truly,
HENRY R. SMITH.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.
29th January, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—Your circular to hand. I consider the Game Laws have done more in this section during the past year for the protection of Game and Fish than ever before, as I found the Game Laws observed this year where they had hitherto been unknown. I think it a *necessity* that the efforts of the Government should be continued.

Yours truly,
H. PARKER THOMAS.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Hamilton.

LONDON, Feb. 6, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular of 20th January, would say that I have found the present Game Laws to work most satisfactorily in all districts I have shot over during the past season, and think most decidedly that the Government should continue to protect and propagate all Game and Fish, but would suggest that Prairie Chickens and English Pheasants be protected for five years, as the members of the C. and M. Sportsman's Association have a number of these birds which they intend to place on their reserve this spring. Of course this is an experiment, but if it does succeed these birds are bound to spread over the whole Western Peninsula.

Yours truly,
E. A. CLEGHORN.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,
Chief Warden,
Game and Fish Commission.

DUNNVILLE, Feb. 7, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I am very strongly convinced that the efforts of the Government, through the Board of Commissioners, has resulted in much good already, and as one who has had a good deal of experience in shooting and also in Game Clubs for the protection of Game, I heartily endorse the action and laws the Commissioners have made and I believe the best results will not be known until another season comes around.

Yours respectfully,
F. J. RAMSAY.

Shooting Licenses issued to Foreign Sportsmen, 1892.

H. M. Johnson.....	Boston, Mass.
George N. Smalley.....	do do
Leonard D. Smalley.....	Westboro', Mass.
Charles Hayden.....	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
George H. Lothrop.....	Detroit, Mich.
Fitz Hugh Edwards.....	do do
Strathearn Hendrie.....	do do
James Glenn.....	do do
A. E. Brush.....	do do
J. C. Smith.....	Utica, N.Y.
George A. Woods, License issued at Port Hope, address not ascertained.	
John T. Lord.....	London, England.
Franklin R. Perkins.....	Buffalo, N.Y.
Horatio Hathaway.....	New Bedford, Mass.
James H. McMillan.....	Detroit, Mich.
Geo. M. Hendrie.....	do do
William C. Hodge.....	do do
Spencer Kellog.....	Buffalo, N.Y.
Henry Allan.....	do do
Lt. Col. Clerke.....	Halifax, N.S.
W. Gayer Dominick.....	New York, N.Y.
R. E. Fenton.....	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
James Damon Lee.....	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
C. W. Walton.....	Detroit, Mich.
Lawrence Curtis.....	Boston, Mass.
James G. Averell.....	Ogdensburg, N.Y.
S. Gilbert Averell.....	do do
F. D. Standish.....	Detroit, Mich.
R. J. Oliphant.....	Oswego, N.Y.
J. B. Poucher.....	do do
Augustus Hemenway.....	Boston, Mass.
Arthur T. Cabot.....	do do
William H. Brady.....	Detroit, Mich.
Richard Crowther.....	Washington, D.C.
F. L. Bennett.....	Buffalo, N.Y.
William Gombert.....	Tonawanda, N.Y.
F. H. Merrick.....	Buffalo, N.Y.
Charles N. Clark.....	Syracuse, N.Y.
Charles Hathaway.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
J. L. Rhodes.....	Lockport, N.Y.
P. S. Kennard.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
George M. Kinsey.....	do do
Richard Cahl.....	do do
Henry Brown.....	do do
Barrett Kelly.....	do do

Frederick Bedore.....	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
John Wittwer	do do
Louis Cabot.....	Boston, Mass.
James B. Heron.....	Alleghany, Pa.
O. H. Voight.....	do do
James A. Collins.....	do do
S. H. McKee	do do
W. Baird	do do
James W. Grove	do do
J. N. Davidson.....	do do
D. H. McMillan.....	Buffalo, N.Y.

List of Deputy-Wardens by Counties.

ALGOMA.

Anderson, Alexander	Pearl River, O.P.R.
Gilmore, William	Sault Ste. Marie.
Harris, John	do
Brown, Frank	Port Arthur.
Emmons, John	Rat Portage.
Fraser, D.	do
Gardner, J.	do
McKewen, S. R.	Tehkummah.
McKirdy, Wm.	Nepigon.
Penfold, Thomas	Port Arthur.
Whalen, Joseph	do
Wetmore, George L.	Schreiber.
Riley, Edward	Port Arthur.
Little, J. T.	Iron Bridge.
Rush, Robert	Sault Ste. Marie.
Piche, John	Sudbury.
Bole, Duncan	Sault Ste. Marie.

ADDINGTON.

Donaldson, Wm. J.	Donaldson's Mills.
Meeks, Mortimer	Bell Rock.
Sly, Henry	Verona.
Tryon, Levi	Sharbot Lake.
Tallon, James	Arden.
Vaness, Marshall	Harlowe.

BRUCE.

Farquharson, John	Teeswater.
Armstrong, Joseph	Kinloss.
Barley, Edward	Lion's Head,
Garnier, Dr. Jno. H.	Lucknow.
Henderson, James	Kincardine.
Heffernan, Patrick	Walkerton.
Hogg, Wm. W.	Paisley.
Lawson, W. H.	Park Head.
Millons, Robt	Walkerton.
Manly, David	Riversdale.
McKillop, Hugh	Hepworth.
Grey, Wesley	Chesley.
McIvor, John	McIver.
McFarlane, Duncan	Red Bay.
McDonald, Donald	Ripley.
Pratt, John	Kincardine.
Richards, Chas. A.	Tara.
Scott, John	Dyer's Bay.
Henry, George	Port Elgin.

BRANT.

Montgomery, C. A.	Brantford.
McLaughlin, Geo. W.	do
Irving, Robert P.	Glenmorris.
Kitchen, Dr. E. C.	St. George.

CARLETON.

Graham, R. T.....South March.

DUFFERIN.

Durkin, William.....Bowling Green.
 Marshall, James E.....Shelburne.
 Rowbotham, Wm.....Redickville.

DURHAM.

Hales, Hugh B.....Port Hope.

DUNDAS.

Cameron, Lachlin.....Iroquois.
 Price, James.....Inkerman.

ELGIN.

Fairbrother, Wm.....St. Thomas.
 Fowler, Jacob.....Fingal.
 Gignac, Hilaire.....Gordon.
 Hannen, Isaac.....Union.
 Hopkins, John.....St. Thomas.
 Huffman, Jeremiah.....Aylmer.
 Hammond, John.....do
 Kirkpatrick, Donald.....West Lorne.
 Miller, Robert.....Lawrence Station
 Neely, John R.....Fingal.
 Philpott, William J.....Iona.
 Thornton, Henry.....St. Thomas.

ESSEX.

Banks, Anthony.....Harrow.
 Britt, G.....Wheatley.
 Cornette, Charles F.....Belle River.
 Campbell, Duncan C.....Staples.
 Holland, Hugh.....Comber.
 Hoffer, William.....Windsor.
 Hillman, Jonas.....Hillman.
 Lindsay, William.....Comber.
 Lemaitre, Seraphim.....Tecumseth.
 Mills, Charles.....Wheatley.
 Masters, Allios.....Sandwich.
 Meloche, Joseph.....do
 Robert, Joseph.....do
 Rivard Napoleon.....Tecumseth.
 Soulliere, Stephen.....do
 Souchereau Stephen.....St. Clair Siding.
 Wilson, Samuel.....Sandwich.
 White, James H.....Pelee Island.
 Walker, Noe.....St. Joachim.

FRONTENAC.

Brickwood, James H.....Kingston.
 Albertson, George.....Verona.
 Clark, Norman.....Mississippi Station.

Dermott, J. A.....	Tichborne.
Dowker, William S.....	Harrowsmith.
Gates, George.....	Westbrook.
Greenwood, George.....	Wolfe Island.
Halliday, F.....	Mississippi Station.
Martin, John.....	Barriefield.
Pallier, Alexander.....	Wilmur.
Snooks, Edward H.....	Desert Lake.
Walker, Nelson.....	Cataraqui.
Smith, David John.....	Parham.
Theobald, John M.....	Kingston.
Gilbert, Robert.....	Ompah.
Kirkwood, Jas. W.....	Levant Station.
Woodman, W. G.....	Allan, Wolfe Island.
York, E. M.....	Bellrock.
Burke, Robert, jr.....	Clarendon Station.
Davey, Sydney W.....	Murvale.

GREY.

Campbell Malcolm.....	Hanover.
Holmes, George B.....	Walter's Falls.
Long, William.....	Kolapore.
Wilson, William H.....	Shouldice.
Siegman, Ludwig.....	Neustadt.

GRENVILLE.

McConnell, Wayland F.....	Gladstone.
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GLENGARRY.

Clark, James.....	Dominionville.
McGillivray, Donald W.....	Dalkeith.
McNaughton, J. P.....	Laggan.
McDougall, D. P.....	Maxville.
McRae, Donald C.....	North Lancaster.
Stewart, M. W.....	Greenfield.
Dickson, Daniel.....	Williamstown.

HASTINGS.

Airhart, George W.....	Stirling.
Adams, George.....	Hermon.
Barr, Peter.....	Maynooth.
Brinklow, Henry.....	Ormsby.
Birrel, James.....	Glanmire.
Faulkner, Dr. D. W.....	Foxboro'.
Faulkner, Dr. G. W.....	Stirling.
Foster, Alexander.....	Egan Creek.
Mairs, James H.....	Bridgewater.
Reid, George.....	Madoc.
Speck, William.....	Bridgewater.
Sweet, W. H.....	Bancroft.
Sweet, W. James.....	do
Stanyer, Thomas.....	do
Tivy, Richard S.....	Coe Hill.
Unwin, Walker.....	Bannockburn.
Bowell, W. J.....	Tweed.

HALTON.

Bradley, Stinson	Milton.
Brown, Robert M	Campbellville.
Crawford, Murray	do
Grant, Lachlin	Georgetown.
Johnson, Walter M	Milton.
Saunders, Edward G	Agerton.
Wilson, James	Bronte.
Lawson, John	Acton.

HURON.

Dalton, Morgan	Kingsbridge.
Kinnsman, R	Wingham.
Naftel, Charles J. S	Goderich.
Paisley, William	Clinton.
Ross, John M	Blyth.
Sands, John	Saltford.
Seager, Charles	Goderich.
Scott, Alex	Westfield.
Horton, Geo	Gerrie.

HALIBURTON.

Day, Joseph	Essonville.
Paul, Joseph	do
Wheeler, Wm J	do
Turnbull, Jas	Minden.

HALDIMAND.

Chrysler, Robert	North Cayuga.
Everingham, Wm	Canfield.
Farrell, John	Cayuga.
Johnson, Peter	Dunnville.
Thompson, Wellington	Port Maitland.
Winslow, Martin	Dunnville.

KENT.

Boles, Gordon	Chatham.
Crouch, Samuel	Ridgetown.
Eberts, Frank G	Chatham.
Johnson, W. J	Fargo.
Kime, George	Big Point.
Merritt, Asra	Ouvry.
McCollum, Thos	Morpeth.
Robinson, Victor	Chatham.
Southgate, R. M	Wallaceburg.
Thomas, Joseph	Williams.

LAMBTON.

Blair, William	Port Lambton.
Bell, John	Port Franks.
Deans, James	Inwood.
Kennedy, Joseph	Port Lambton.
Miller, Frank	Port Franks.
Mott, Edwin L.	Alvinston.

LANARK.

Mair, David Lanark.

LEEDS.

Smith, Justus Charleston.
 Sly, Lester Morton.
 Bilton, George Newboro'.
 Lappin, J. J. Westport.
 Sliter, A. E. Morton.

LENNOX.

Huff, Hiram W. Napanee.

LINCOLN.

McPherson, James St. Anns.
 Kennedy, C. A. Smithville.

MIDDLESEX.

Allen, B. B. London.
 McCann, Peter do
 O'Neil, W. H. Dorchester.
 Ward, R. W. London West.
 Ralph, Thomas J. Ballymute.
 Beverley, John Dorchester Station.
 Dixon, Michael Cashmere.
 Williams, Alfred M Lobo.

MONCK.

McDowell, Andrew Stromness.
 Petit, Arthur Moulton Station.
 Barwell, John Wellandport.
 Moore, Daniel Perry Station.

MUSKOKA.

Butler, O. F. Port Kaye.
 Brown, Robert D. Port Sydney.
 Brooks, Edgar, jr Antioch.
 Berry, William Walker's Point.
 Bettes, J. H. Muskoka Mills.
 Broadley, Enos. Beaumaris.
 Carmichael, Wm Powassan.
 Chapman, Chas. N. Huntsville.
 Crompton, W. B. Aspdin.
 Davidson, Wm Bracebridge.
 Gouldie, E. J. Dwight.
 Gohm, William Bracebridge.
 Henderson, Chas do
 Harborn, John Whiteside.
 Hollingshead, Walter M Huntsville.
 Kirton, Mackie. do
 Kaye, Alfred Port Sydney.
 Mitchell, Robert Cecebe.
 McConnell, John Muskoka.

McDonald, Arch	Sundridge.
McNab, Donald	Nipissing.
Paget, George	Huntsville.
Ricker, David	Commanda.
Shannon, Peter	Port Carling.
Taylor, C. N.	Gravenhurst.
Thornton, Richard	Huntsville.
Wood, Michael	Cleavelands.
Wilkins, George	Baysville.
Warne, Francis P	do
Wroe, Thomas W.	Beauman's.
Waddell, John	Bracebridge.
Lawrence, John	Shannon Hall.

NORFOLK.

Baker, Huit	Windham Centre.
Brown, Isaiah	Port Rowan.
Barrett, A. P	Port Royal.
Clark, Benjamin	Simcoe.
Duncan, Jas. L	Forrestville.
Dowswell, John	Lynedoch.
Ewing, Alex. R	Waterford.
Fick, Jerome B.	Port Dover.
Hambly, Wm. E.	Rockford.
Nickerson, W. F	Simcoe.
Randall, Robert	Bookton.
Wilson, Abner	Lynedoch.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Diamond, T.	Cobourg.
Field, Cyrus W	do
Fairbanks, Dr. Chas. S	do
Nimmo, T. J.	Bensford.
Wedlock, James	do
Wallace, Thos	Gore's Landing.

NIPISSING.

Huntington, S. L.	North Bay.
Garrow, E.	Nipissing Junction.
Sloman, Alfred	Trout Creek.
Butler, Clarence H.	do

OXFORD.

Tisdale, J. C.	Woodstock.
Martin, Richard	do

ONTARIO.

Bagshaw, Obed E.	Vroomanton.
Hall, Maxwell	Longford Mills.
Frankish, F. M.	Uxbridge.
McGrath, Michael	Brechin.
McMillan, D.	Beaverton.
Sutcliffe, James	Prince Albert.
Williams, Charles.	Glen Major.
Gordon, Jno	Pickering.
Willis, Jas	Whitby.
Henry, T. S	Cedardale.
McDermott, Geo.	Port Perry.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Lake, Stephen	West Lake.
Sprague, Geo. G.	Demorestville.
Rorabeck, Athol	Crofton.

PETERBOROUGH.

Ludgate, Theodore	Peterborough.
Lambert, Henry	Silver Lake.
Moore, F. J	Lakefield.
Moore, D. H.	Peterborough.
Montgomery, David R.	Hall's Bridge.
Merriam, H. N.	Harwood.
McWilliams, J. B.	Peterborough.
Smith, J. W.	do
Wedlock, William	Keene.
Hartley, E. J	Peterborough.

PARRY SOUND.

Burns, O. W., sr	South River.
Doupe, Sydney	Laurence Mills.
Draycott, F. W	Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur	Seguin Falls.
Hall, William H	Sprucedale.
Johnston, John A	Parry Sound.
Kennedy, W. E	Maganetawan.
McDermott, Benjamin	Sundridge.
McGown, William	Parry Sound.
Ward, Thomas B	Burk's Falls.
McAmmond, Wm	Dunchurch.
LaBrash, James P	Maple Island.
French, Benjamin	Dunchurch.

PRESCOTT.

Bonville, Leon	St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barett, John	Fournier.
Cunningham, A	Wendover.

Ferguson, Wm	Vankleek Hill.
James, Richard	Alfred.
La Belle, Leonce	Curran.
Marston, Lewis F	L'Original.
Martineau, Joseph	Alfred.
McKercher, Peter	L'Original.
Ross, Joseph	Vankleek Hill.
St. Pierre, Pierre	St. Eugene.
Scott, David	Riceville.
LeRoy, Ralph	Barb.
Lefaire, Hercule	Lefaire.

PERTH.

Climie, W. R	Listowell.
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RENFREW.

Brady, John	Renfrew.
Biggs William E.	Pembroke.
Biggs, Aaron	do
Coffey, William	do
Johnston, S. M	Arnprior.
Kennedy, John	Pembroke.
McCagherty, P	do
McDonald, Alex	do
Plaunt, Xavier	Renfrew.
Smith, Robert R	Eganville.
Halliday, James	Springtown.

SIMCOE.

Bathie, Edward	Cookstown.
Beardsley, Alfred W	Barrie.
Chapman, James	Cookstown.
Filley, George	do
Hines, John	Barrie.
Kearns, George	Ivy.
Moir, John	Cookstown.
Mills, William	Elmvale.
McLaughlin, James	Anten Mills.
McLeod, John	Hamill's Point.
Nolan, James	Newton Robinson.
Primrose, Alex	Apto.
Pollock, Thomas	Cookstown.
Ross, Joseph	do
Regan, John	Orillia.
Rawson, William	Coldwater.
Somerville, David	Stayner.
Upton, George	Nicolston.
Wilson, J. J	Fesserton.
Kitchen, Joseph	Lovering.
Shakell, Wm	do

VICTORIA.

Bowins, Charles	Coboconk.
Crowe, Nathaniel	Bobcaygeon.
Dewdney, Arthur W.	do
Daniel, John	Balsam Grove.
Ellis, J. A.	Fenelon Falls.
Galloway, David	Moore's Falls.
Howie, John	Bury's Green.
Junkin, James	Fenelon Falls.
Harris, Noxon	Bobcaygeon.
Lysh, William	do
Nicholls, Gardiner	do
McArthur, Donald	Manilla.
Silverthorn, George	Balcover.
Wills, T. J.	Bobcaygeon.

WELLAND.

Augustine, Elias	Stonebridge.
Barnhart, George	Sherkston.
Griffin, Richard	Fort Erie.
Hershey, Milford	Garrison Road.
Nixon, J. C.	Welland.
Neff, Peter	Marshville.
Page, A. E. O.	Ridgeway.
Rose, Charles, jr	Garrison Road.
Risley, E. E.	International Bridge.
Teal, Irwin	Ridgeway.
Miller, Charles A.	Black Creek.
Beam, Horace H.	Black Creek.

WATERLOO.

Bulmer, George	Elmira.
Devitt, John	Berlin.
Fraser, Alex	New Hamburg.
Gildner, Henry	Berlin.
Gillies, Peter	Galt.
Hall, James	Hawksville.
Menger, William	St. Jacobs.
Mickers, Joseph	Heidelberg.
Mayers, Frederick	Bridgeport.
McCruden, Robert	Galt.
McMaster, Thomas	Hespeler.
Stark, John	do
Springer, Joseph	Kossuth.

WENTWORTH.

Hazel, John	Hamilton Beach.
Raspberry, William	West Flamboro'.
Gallin, Warren	Waterdown.

 WELLINGTON.

Atkinson, Geo. Osborn.....Guelph.
 Hull, Wellington.....Erin.
 Gordon, James.....Monticello.
 Love, James.....Guelph.
 McGinnis, Alex..Arkell.
 Smith, George.....Eden Mills.
 Williams, Henry M.....Guelph.

YORK.

Browne, Hume.....Toronto.
 Hope, W. BToronto.
 Tidsberry, James L.....Coleman

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

*Cowley, E. AMontreal.
 *Finnie, Dr. J. Tdo

* These officers have been specially appointed to enforce the Game Law on Lake St. Francis, which is partly in Ontario and partly in Quebec.

Reports of Persons to whom Permits were given during 1892 to take Speckled Trout for the purpose of collecting Ova.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Secretary Game and Fish Commission.
Hamilton.

REDICKVILLE, Feb. 13th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I received the permit for which I am truly thankful, and I made use of it although it was late in the season. I got a small amount, for the trout commenced very early last season. They were in full vigor by the 20th of September, and they were well scattered by 10th October, and they soon began to be scarce to get, so that I did not get my small hatchery filled up. My means were small, so I commenced small, but I hope to have your favor so that I can enlarge my building and work on a large scale. I think they have done favorably well. I got as near as I could tell a hundred thousand eggs, and I have got seventy thousand fry. I commenced work on the 11th day of October, and I saw the first living fry on the the twenty-third day, and they are all out now and doing well. I also beg pardon for not answering your inquiries, for I happened with a misfortune and was not able to leave home until Saturday last, the 11th of February, and the roads have been so filled up with snow that I could not get out from my place.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM ROWBOTHAM.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Sec. and Chief Warden,
Fish and Game Commission, Hamilton.

ALTON ONT., Jan. 26th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst. making enquiries as to how we got along with the permit you granted me to obtain ova last fall. In reply I beg to state that we took no action whatever in the matter. Several times I thought of going out to try and get some ova, but bad weather or something always prevented till finally it froze up and nothing could be done. We have arranged for the purchase of fry to be delivered in the spring for the purpose of stocking our pond. We have a magnificent pond embracing five acres in area and expect some day to have good fishing. Thanking you for your interest in the matter.

I remain yours truly,

JOHN DAVIS,

Sec. Alton Fishing Club.

Hopedale Trout Hatchery,

HILLSBURG, Jan. 27th, 1893.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Secretary Game and Fish Commission, Hamilton.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed are rough drafts of my Hopedale Trout Hatchery that you may form an idea of what I am doing and my facilities for the enterprise.

Plan No. 1, shows the streams and their sources, though both streams are much more crooked than in the plan, giving me nearly two miles of an excellent Trout stream naturally filled in several places for making ponds at small cost. The springs have a volume of ever running water sufficient to keep any ponds I am likely to have prim and clean and make them perfect Trout ponds.

Plan No. 2, shows the supply spring hatching house and ponds built and being intended to be built this coming season. The water from the supply pond enters the hatchery at a height of ten feet, and the pond will be from 8 to 12 feet in depth. The hatching house is a tasty rustic building 18x24 ground, and when completely fitted up will have a capacity of 5,000,000. It is so arranged that parent Trout from the stock pond can go into a race, with a gravel bottom in the centre of house when ready to spawn where I can handily take them when ripe, (a very important point for successful hatching). The stock pond as at present covers about a quarter of an acre, and the circular young Trout pond about the same. The one for two-year old Trout is nearly the same size. They are irregular in shape having been built to conform with their surrounding. The pond shown as one intended to be built the coming season will cover about six acres, into which I shall set the Trout after the second year.

As I commenced late in the summer I did not get as much down as I hoped for, though I did fairly well. I got over 2,000 parent Trout, some of them very fine ones. From these I got 100,000 ova and placed it in the hatchery troughs. Taking the ova from the fish as the fish are taken from the streams does not give as good results as can be had when the ova can be taken from the Trout when perfectly ripe as will be the case in my spawning race. I cannot yet tell what proportion of the ova taken this year will hatch, but think I can safely count on about 60,000. They are hatching finely now much better than I expected considering the unsatisfactory way I had of getting the ova in good shape. Under careful management with my facilities for taking the ova in the hatchery house I shall consider a loss of 10 per cent. large in future. The first ova I placed in the trough was on the 11th October and the last on 15th November, though spawning was not entirely over at that date.

We have in this section some very fine Trout streams and Trout of a particularly fine species. The streams are getting pretty well cleaned out. I do not however impute this so much to excessive fishing as the change in the water resulting from clearing up the land.

If in this neighborhood I should be pleased to have you call and see me.

Yours,

GEORGE A. LACEY.

Table of Resolutions adopted at the International Game and Fish Conference held at Detroit, Mich., U.S.A., on 20th and 21st December, 1892.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee, to whom was referred the question, “whether or not there should be a close season for White-Fish, Lake or Salmon-Trout and Herring,” also what means should be taken for their protection, would report :

1st. All small fish and those unfit for food of all kinds when taken in nets, should be replaced in the water where taken alive, and that fishermen should not be allowed to take such fish on shore, nor expose them for sale.

2nd. That no string pound nets used in the lakes shall extend more than four miles from shore.

3rd. That one-half at least of all channels between islands or elsewhere, where fish migrate to spawn, shall be kept free from nets of all kinds at all seasons.

4th. That all White-Fish taken of less than sixteen inches in length, and all Salmon-Trout less than two pounds in weight should be immediately returned to the waters where taken and shall not be exposed for sale. That all Herring less than eight inches in length, and all Wall-Eyed Pike less than twelve inches in length shall be returned to the waters where taken and shall not be exposed for sale.

5th. That the month of November in each year be made a close season in all the great lakes for White-Fish, Herring and Salmon or Lake Trout.

Your committee would further recommend that all penalties fixed for violations of any laws that shall be enacted shall be made not only to apply to those who take fish, but also to all persons who buy, sell, transport or have the same in possession.

Resolved, That the law should authorize the seizure and destruction of nets used in violation of law.

Mr. Gould, of Maine : I have drawn up a resolution here that I would like to place before the Conference for their consideration on the subject of uniformity of laws.

Whereas, The different state Fish and Game Commissioners are more in touch with the laws and their defects throughout the entire State where they may hold office ; and,

Whereas, Their knowledge of the general requirements in a given instances is greater than that of the laity at large ; and,

Whereas, By reason of their office and intimate knowledge of the needs, they are called upon to make suggestions during the legislative session ;

Resolved, That in the opinion of the International Fisheries' Conference it is plainly the duty of the State Commissioners to make such recommendations to their respective State Legislatures as their experience in the practical workings of their laws regulating the taking of fish may dictate.

Resolved, That the States are fully competent to make wholesome laws for the protection of their Fish and Game.

Resolved, Further, that where in case from lack of intimate knowlege of the habits or the place in the economy of nature of any given species of fish occupies, the Commissioners shall advocate such restrictive legislation as will leave no doubt as to its efficacy until such investigation has been made as will enable them to give intelligent recommendations on the subject.

Resolved, That in the judgement of this Conference there should be a close season for Black-Bass and that such season should be between the 1st of April and the 15th of June, and all kinds of fishing, including spearing, should be prohibited in the close season.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the necessity exists for an efficient and uniform enforcement of protective laws by a paid Fish and Game Department, on the general basis of the New York laws.”

TABLE OF CASES PROSECUTED

NOTE.—This table although correct as far as it goes, is not full. Many cases have Deputy-

District or County.	Name of Prosecutor.	Date. 1892.	Name of Offender.	Address.	Offence Charged.
Algoma	John Piche .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Thos. Penfold	Aug. 27th....	Levi Lindsay ...	Port Arthur....	Illegal fishing....
	"	"	Joseph Genon ...	"	"
	"	Oct. 21st	W. J. Clarke	"	Shooting part- ridge.
	S. R. McKewen....	March 2nd ...	Jas. Hilson	Michael's Bay..	Fishing out of season.
Addington	Mortimer Meeks..	July 20th....	Levi Brown	Moscow	Shooting duck cut of season.
	" ..	"	Sherman Brown..	"	"
	" ..	"	Clayton Brown ..	"	"
	" ..	"	Amos Duffman ..	"	"
	" ..	"	Edward Makin....	"	"
	" ..	July 21st....	Geo. Summers....	Mountain Grove.	Having mink in possession out of season.
Bruce	David Manley....	Jan. 19th....	Francis Casknett .	Riversdale	Sunday shooting.
	J. H. Garnier.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	J. H. Armstrong ..	Oct. 24th....	Chas. Beecher	Kinloss	Throwing saw- dust in Silver Lake.
Carleton	R. T. Graham .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elgin	W. T. Fairbrother.	Dec. 29th....	Ed. Gorvett.....	Sparta	Shooting hares ..
	"	"	John Butler	St. Thomas....	Exposing hares for sale.
Essex	Allios Masters & f	Nov. 30th....	Chas. H. Louis ...	Detroit	Shooting without a license.
	J. D. Meloshe ..	"	Henry Boschee ...	"	
	Anthony Banks ..	Oct. 13th	Thos. H. Ferris...	Harrow	Exposing a fawn.
	" ..	Dec. 12th	Allios Pare	"	Sunday shooting.
	Samuel Wilson ...	Sept. 12th....	John Meloche	Sandwich, West.	"
	" ..	Sept. 16th....	Wm. Fredericks..	" East.	Shootingsquirrels out of season.
	" ..	Nov. 4th	E. H. Nelson	Detroit	Shooting without a license.
	" ..	"	Alex. Biusette....	Sandwich, East.	Killing game out of season.
Frontenac.....	J. H. Brickwood ..	Jan. 20th....	Richard Horning .	Elginburg	Illegal fishing ..
	" ..	" ..	Jacob Horning ..	Murvale	" ..
	" ..	" ..	Wm. Irving	Elginburg	" ..
	" ..	Jan. 21st	Chas. Lyons	Latimer	" ..
	" ..	Jan. 6th	J. Ferguson	Inverary	" ..
	" ..	" 21st	F. Guess	Elginburg	" ..
	" ..	" 21st	J. Toles	Inverary	" ..
	" ..	" 13th	Dr. Freeman	"	" ..
	" ..	Feb. 25th	A. Richie	"	" ..
	" ..	" ..	Wm. Huston	"	" ..
	" ..	Mar. 23rd	C. Lyons	Latimer	" ..
Grey	W. H. Wilson....	Sept. 22nd..	Jas. W. Lee.....	East Linton....	Killing partridge out of season.
	"	Nov. 23rd	A. Harriman	Owen Sound ...	Killing deer out of season.

BY DEPUTY-WARDENS.

not yet been reported owing to the want of a proper system of collecting reports from the Wardens.

Was Offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1892.
Summomed	Port Arthur.....	{ D. F. McDonald. } { W. W. Russell.. }	\$10 and costs	26 traps, 9 nets, 200 snares destroyed. 1 net.
"	"	"	\$10 "	
"	"	W. C. Dobie	\$5 "	
"	Michael's Bay.....	S. R. McKewen	\$5 "	
Summomed	Yarker.....	Jno. A. Shibley.....	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Sharbot Lake.....	"	Fined \$5 and costs.	
Summomed	Walkerton	H. W. Robb.....	Dismissed.	
Summomed	Walkerton	Mr. McNamara	Dismissed.	A number of traps de- stroyed.
Summomed	St. Thomas	W. J. White.....	Fined \$5. Withdrawn.	Seized 6 traps, 2 nets, 1 spear. Destroyed 12 snares.
{ Arrested	Windsor	Alex. Bartlett	Fined \$20.	
"	"	"	"	
Summomed	Harrow	Jno. Richmond	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	Fine \$5.	
Arrested	Windsor	Alex. Bartlett	\$5 and costs.	
Summomed	"	"	\$5 "	
Arrested	"	"	\$20 "	
Summomed	Left the country on	receipt of summons.		
Summomed	Portsmouth	D. J. Walker.....	\$10 and costs.	
"	"	"	\$10 "	
"	"	"	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	\$10 and costs.	
"	"	"	\$10 "	
"	"	"	\$10 "	
"	"	"	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	\$10 and costs	
"	Owen Sound.....	Geo. Price.....	\$5.	
"	"	"	\$25.	

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Haldimand	W. Thompson	Oct. 22nd	Jas. Siddal	Port Maitland	Fishing on Sunday.
	"	"	Henry Siddal	"	Fishing on Sunday.
	"	Mar. 27th	A. V. Hammond	Dunnville	Breaking open muskrat houses and shooting on Sunday.
	"	" 26th	Henry Fox	"	Shooting on Sunday.
	Jno. Farrell	Sept. 14	Geo. Runchy	Clanbrassil	Shooting part-ridge.
Haliburton	Jas. Turnbull	Nov. 7th	A. Simpson	Minden	Having a fawn in possession.
	"	" 12th	A. Gurrey	"	"
	"	" 28th	Thos. Walters	Lindsay	Killing fawn
	"	Dec. 16th	D. Bull	Stanhope	" deer
	W. J. Wheeler	Nov. 29th	F. Austin	Haliburton	Selling deer out of season.
	"	"	G. Bemister	"	"
Hastings	George Reid	Oct. 18th	John Bailey	Madoc	Trapping
	"	" 22nd	Adam Palmateer	"	"
	"	" 22nd	Thos. Cotton	"	"
	"	" 24th	Donald Henderson	"	Fishing with nets.
	Geo. W. Airhart	Dec. 16th	Wm. Darrah	Marmora	Killing fawn
	Thos. Stayner	Oct. 26th	Davy Brothers	Bancroft	Putting sawdust in river.
	"	Oct. 19th	Walter Kidd	"	Killing deer out of season and assaulting wardens
	"	"	Wm. Kidd	"	
	"	"	Jno. Watson	"	
	Peter Barr	Dec. 24th	Wm. Haskins	Maynooth	Selling deer out of season.
	Walker Unwin				
	William Sweet	Jan. 31st	August Brethour	Bancroft	Having deer in possession.
	"	"	John Sorrars	"	Killing deer
	Alex. Foster	Nov. 29th	David Bru-hang	Mayo	Having deer in possession.
	"	"	Reub. Dillabough	"	Killing deer
Kent	George Kime	Oct. 15th	Arthur Sly	Chatham	Trespassing
	"	Jan. 3rd	D. Martin	"	"
	"	Oct. 15th	Chas. Brooks	Dover Centre	"
	"	Jan. 3rd	J. Scheff	Dover East	"
	"	Oct. 15th	Andrew Brown	Chatham	"
	"	Jan. 3rd	D. Palette	Dover East	"
Leeds	Lester Sly	Jan. 14th	Jerry Griffin	Lyndhurst	Fishing with nets.
Lennox	Hiram Huff	Nov. 17th	Emmanuel Wager	Bogartville	Catching and killing fish.
	"	"	George Lindsay	Napanee	Catching muskrats.
	"	"	James Cummings	"	Killing fish
	"	"	Wm. Detlor	Erinsville	"
	"	"	Adam Mathews	"	"
	"	"	Walter Pipus	Napanee	Killing muskrats.
	"	"	John Nail	Erinsville	" fish
	"	"	Samuel Davy	Napanee	" muskrats
	"	"	Joshua Snider	Snider Depot	" fish
	"	"	Henry Lake	"	"

BY DEPUTY-WARDENS.—Continued.

Was Offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1892.
Summoned	Dunnville	Jno. Taylor	\$2 and \$6 costs.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	\$6 and \$3 costs.	
"	"	"	Dismissed.	
"	Cayuga	{ A. A. Davis and T. Martindale }	\$5 and costs.	
"	Minden	Wm. Fielding	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	\$20 and costs.	
"	"	"	Dismissed.	
"	"	"	\$20 and costs.	
"	Haliburton	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Madoc	J. J. B. Flint	\$5 and costs.	Seized 3 gill nets.
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	\$10	"
"	Stirling	G. W. Faulkner	\$20	"
Summoned	Bancroft	Jas. Cleak	\$10.	
} This case not yet tried — warrant has been issued for arrest of defendants.				
Summoned	Bancroft	Jas. Cleak	\$10.	
Summoned	Bancroft	James Cleak	Dismissed	Seized some night lines. Seized 2 steel traps.
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	\$10 and costs.	
"	"	"	\$10.	
"	Chatham	Mr. McNaughton	Allowed to go under suspended sentence.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Lyndhurst	E. C. Sleter	Fined \$5.	
"	Napanee	Jas. Daly	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	

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Lennox.....	Hiram Huff	Dec. 23rd	Henry Lindsay...	Napanee	Killing muskrats.
	"	"	Fred Sherman...	"	" fish
	"	"	Thos. McQuain	"	" "
	"	"	Jas. Pollard.....	Adolphustown..	" "
	"	"	Robt. Cousins.....	"	" "
	"	"	Felix Mellon	Sillsville	" "
	"	"	Seth Benson	Deseronto	Fish in possession.
Middlesex.....	Peter McCan	July 9th.....	{ Wm. Smith, sr. Wm. Smith, jr. Peter Smith..... Frank Neely	{ Thamesford {	{ Killing fish with dynamite.
Muskoka	R. D. Brown.....	Oct. 22nd	Jos. Prebbles	Huntsville	Hunting deer out of season.
	"	"	Asaph Markle.....	"	"
	"	"	Lester Markle.....	"	"
	"	"	Beny Cottrill.....	Port Sydney.....	"
	"	Nov. 22nd.....	Philip Shay	Huntsville	"
	"	"	Wesley Markle....	"	"
	C. F. Butler.....	Sept. 13th	Thos. Packer	Torrance	Having game in possession.
	C. N. Chapman ..	Dec. 17th .....	.....	.....	.....
	"	Dec. 21st .....	.....	.....	.....
	"	Jan. 25th .....	.....	.....	.....
	E. J. Goldie.....	Oct. 25th	J. H. Moulton.....	Orono	Fishing out of season.
	"	"	Jesse Trull	Oshawa	"
	"	"	J. S. Roe	"	"
	"	"	Jas. Bell	"	"
	"	Nov. 5th	H. Franks	Toronto	Killing fawn
	"	Dec. 1st	Percy Punchon...	Oshawa	Killing deer out season.
	"	Oct. 25th	J. H. Moulton.....	Orono	Illegal netting ..
	"	"	Jesse Trull	Oshawa	"
	"	"	J. L. Roe	"	"
	"	"	Jas. Bell	"	"
	Michael Woods...	Nov. 5 .....	.....	.....	.....
Northumberland	Thos. Wallace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	Richard Martin ..	Dec. 10th	A. Goddard	Woodstock	Spearing out of season.
Parry Sound ...	Jno. A. Johnson..	June 13th	Fred. Desome	Penetanguishene	Fishing in the in- land lake.
	C. W. Burns .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peterborough...	J. W. Wedlock ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Renfrew	Robt. R. Smith...	Jan. 16th .....	.....	.....	.....
	"	Sept. 7th	Jos. Switzer	Ferguson	Illegal fishing ...
	"	July 6th .....	.....	.....	.....
	Aaron Briggs	Dec. 5th	Geo. Atchison	South Alice	Killing deer out season.
	"	Jan. 6th	Samuel Biggs	Pembroke	"
Simcoe	Jno. Hines	Nov. 5th	Mr. Gero	Lovering	Fishing in inland waters.
	"	"	" Fertlaugh	"	"
Victoria	Jno. A. Ellis	Dec. 7th	B. Sharpless	Gelert	Killing deer out of season.
	"	"	A. Hoyle	Balsam Grove ..	"

BY DEPUTY-WARDENS.—*Continued.*

Was Offender arrested or summoned.	When tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1892.
Summoned	Napanee	Jas. Daily	Fined \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
"	"	"	" \$10.	
"	"	"	" \$12.	
} Summoned	Ingersoll	{ Police Magistrate Chadwick	Dismissed. (In this case it was held by the magistrate that the waters in question were not Provincial waters and that the law therefore was not applicable.)	
Summoned	Bracebridge	James Boyer	Fined \$20.	
"	"	"	" \$20.	
"	"	"	" \$20.	
"	"	"	" \$20.	
"	"	"	Dismissed	
"	Tp. of Monck	C. F. Butler	"	
				Destroyed 3 traps.
				Shot 1 hound chasing deer
				Destroyed 2 gill nets.
Summoned	Franklin	E. J. Gouldie	Fined \$10.	
"	"	"	" 10.	
"	"	"	" 10.	
"	"	"	" 10.	
"	"	"	" 20.	
"	"	"	" 10.	
"	Huntsville	R. Scarlett	" 20 and costs.	
"	"	"	" 20 "	
"	"	"	" 20 "	
"	"	"	" 20 "	
				Destroyed fish net.
				Seized and destroyed 2 nets.
Summoned	Woodstock	J. G. Field	Dismissed.	
Arrested	Georgian Bay	Jno. A. Johnson	\$10	Captured nets found in Spider Lake.
"				Captured 1 fish net.
				Destroyed a large num- ber of traps.
				Captured 7 nets.
Summoned	Renfrew	George Eady	\$10.	
Arrested	Alice	Thos. Heenan	\$20 and costs.	Confiscated 1 net.
"	Pembroke	L. E. Mitchell	\$20 and costs.	
Summoned	Lovering	Messrs. Kitchen & Lovering	\$5 and costs	Seized a number of nets.
"	"	"	\$5 and costs.	
"	Fenelon Falls	Jno. A. Ellis	\$20.	
"	"	"	\$20.	

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Victoria	T. J. Wills	Nov. 21st 1892	Jno. Mulnox	Galway	Killing fawn
	"	Dec. 9th	Albert Bottom	Bobcaygeon	Hunting on the Lord's day.
	"	"	William Bottom	"	"
	"	"	W. B. Read	"	"
	"	"	Wm. Birdsall	"	"
	"	"	Guy Kimble	"	"
	"	Dec. 30th	Wm. Dunbar	Kinmount	"
	"	"	Jos. Clements	Galway	"
	"	"	Geo. Dunbar	"	"
	"	"	Cristopher Graney	"	"
Welland.	"	"	Fred. Dudman	"	"
	"	"	Jas. Gaffagan	Lorneville	Killing 2 fawns..
Welland.	Geo. Barnhart	Sept. 11th	Jno. Reinhart	Netherby	Shooting out of season.
Wellington.....	George Smith	June 1st	Geo. O. Atkinson..	Guelph	Illegal fishing ...
Waterloo.....	Henry Gildner	Oct. 13	A. Bossart	Berlin	Sunday shooting.
	John Devitt	"	Jacob Wrig	"	"
	"	Nov. 15	Christian Henry	Waterloo	"
	"	"	Alfred Snyder	"	"
	"	Nov. 16	Solomon Beatty	"	"
	"	Nov. 25	Jno. Liebler	Erbsville	"
York	Hume Brown	Dec. 18	Harry Webb	Toronto	Selling deer out of season.
	"	"	John Mallon	"	"
	"	"	E. G. McConkey	"	"
	"	"	Thos. Clayton	"	"
	"	"	H. Brown	"	"
	"	"	Kelly Bros	"	"
	"	"	C. H. Waller	"	"
	"	"	C. H. Bolton	"	"

BY DEPUTY-WARDENS.—*Concluded*

Was Offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1892.
Summoned	Bobcaygeon	S. W. Crabtree	\$10.	
"	Galway	J. Seymor	Fined \$5.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Peterborough	P. M. Edmison	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	Fined \$20.	
Summoned	Welland	E. R. Hellems	Fined \$20.	
Summoned	Guelph	Mr. Saunders	Fined \$5 and costs.	
Summoned	Berlin	J. A. Mackie	Fined \$1 and costs.	
"	"	"	" \$2.	
"	"	"	" \$2.	
"	"	"	" \$2.	
"	"	"	" \$5.	
Summoned	Toronto	John Baxter	\$12.50 and costs.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Toronto	"	Discharged.	
"	"	"	\$12.50 and costs.	
"	"	"	"	

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ONTARIO GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS.

His Honor, The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

SIR,—Your Commissioners beg herewith to present their second annual report Annexed to it will be found the reports of the Wardens, and other tables and matter which will be found self-explanatory.

Your Commissioners are pleased to be able to report that undoubted good has resulted from the establishment of the Commission, and from the efforts put forth by them during the past two years to protect the Game and Fish of the Province.

The Game Laws continue to receive the general support of all right-thinking people, and the wanton slaughter of Game and Fish which obtained for years has almost ceased. Your Commissioners, in saying this, do not pretend that the Law is never broken now, because, unfortunately, there is abundant evidence to prove the contrary, but they assert positively that the sickening slaughter of former years which went on without let or hindrance in and out of season has been forcibly met and checked.

The number of Commissioners remains unchanged and consists of the following members :—

Dr. G. A. McCallum, Dunnville, Chairman.

Mr. J. H. Willmott, Beaumaris, Muskoka.

W. G. Parish, Athens.

W. B. Wells, Chatham.

H. P. Dwight, Toronto.

During the early part of the year, your Commissioners urged upon the Provincial Secretary the necessity of consolidating the Game Laws, and this suggestion was acted on at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

It was not to be expected that the Act would prove perfectly pleasing to every one, but it is acknowledged on the whole to be a fairly good measure, and it receives, as it deserves, general approval.

Your Commissioners have had hundreds of applications during the year for copies of the Game Act, and recommend that a number of copies be printed in pamphlet form for distribution. A supply such as this is rendered doubly necessary now, owing to the fact that the large posters issued in 1892, are out of date, on account of the amendments recently made in the Act above referred to.

WARDENS.

Your Commissioners have much pleasure in testifying to the intelligent manner in which the work of the Wardens has been done. These officers have proved themselves to be active and zealous, and have done their work with an amount of care and tact which is highly creditable to them.

Your Commissioners desire to point out however, that the area which these officers have to cover is so vast that much of it remains, of necessity, unvisited, and this is by no means desirable.

In order to facilitate the work the Province has been mapped out into four divisions, and one of these divisions has been assigned to each of the Wardens.

This division has been made with a view, if possible, of bringing the Deputy-Wardens into more direct communication with the Wardens; but, in order to carry out the work more perfectly, at least two more Wardens are needed, and your Commissioners trust that these may be appointed without delay.

Your Commissioners are glad to report that the nominal salary of \$10 per month which was paid last year to the Wardens has this year been increased; three of the Wardens now being paid at the rate of \$400 per annum, and one, whose district is smaller than the others, and whose work is consequently not so heavy, at the rate of \$300.

DEPUTY-WARDENS.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that the system of appointing and paying the Deputy-Wardens has not proved to be altogether satisfactory.

There are at present on the rolls 413 Deputies, and whilst many of these are active and intelligent officers, the fact remains that the greater part of them are never heard from.

This might be taken as an indication of the perfect observance of the Game Laws, but unfortunately, complaints have been as a rule, most numerous from the localities in which the silent Deputies reside.

Under the terms of their appointment, the Deputy-Wardens are not paid by salary, and receive no remuneration except that they are entitled to half the fines accruing from convictions in cases where they are themselves the informants. It

is apparent, therefore, that these officers will not act unless they are absolutely certain of securing convictions, and for this reason many offenders who should be prosecuted, and who probably would be convicted if tried, are allowed to go free.

It often happens also that cases prosecuted by the Deputies result in dismissal through the stupidity of some country magistrate, or through the inability of the Deputies to prosecute properly. In such cases the Deputies, although they have acted in perfect good faith, are called upon to pay all the costs of the trial, and this, of course, is a proceeding not calculated to encourage them in the way of future prosecutions.

Your Commissioners recommend that the list of Deputy-Wardens be carefully revised, and that the Wardens in charge of each division be allowed to pick out one or two good men in each county who would report all cases coming under their notice, to the Wardens. If, after close investigation, the Wardens are of opinion that the cases are good ones, and can be successfully prosecuted, they could then be undertaken, and, in case of failure, the Deputies who have acted in perfect good faith, could be relieved from the responsibility of expense and having to defray the costs consequent upon a lost case.

FRAUDULENT CONVICTIONS.

Your Commissioners desire to point out that their officers suffer continually on account of a piece of sharp practice resorted to by persons charged with violations of the Game Laws.

It is the habit of the offenders to wait until summoned for trial, when they proceed in company with an accomplice, to a friendly magistrate other than the one, of course, who issued the original summons. Before this friendly magistrate, the accomplice charges the offender, and the offender is then fined a nominal sum. Half of the fine is handed by the magistrate to the accomplice, and by the accomplice it is handed back to the offender. The Deputy-Warden is saddled with the costs and the law-breaker laughs at him.

Your Commissioners strongly recommend that action should be taken to prevent this fraud, otherwise the Deputy-Wardens will soon cease acting altogether.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

Your Commissioners are glad to be able to report that the enforcement of the Game Laws for the past two years has had the effect of increasing the Game in the Province.

The severity of last winter killed off many of the Quail, but the sportsmen throughout the country are going to some pains and expense in the way of restocking, and from the reports which have reached your Commissioners, it is evident that they have shot carefully during the season with a view of saving this little bird as far as possible.

Partridge has been more plentiful than for some years past, and Duck shooting has been very good. It is the opinion of all those best competent to judge, that the increase of Partridge is almost entirely owing to the observance of the law which prohibits the sale of this fine game bird, and in order to prevent its incessant pursuit by idle pot hunters and boys who endanger its extinction, your Commissioners trust that the law will be continued as it is.

DEER.

A great many deer were killed during the season, and the proportion of does was greater than when the open season was later, that is during the first two weeks of November. A great many sportsmen and others think the open season entirely too long, and that when each hunter is only allowed two deer, two weeks (and those the first two in November) should be quite long enough for the open season.

As the season is now, and with dogs allowed during the whole twenty-five days, it is even more destructive than before the present law was enacted. Your Commissioners are at least agreed that the use of dogs should not be allowed for longer than the first ten days of the season.

Complaints are continually reaching the Commissioners regarding the persistent and unreasonable slaughter of game by Indians, but in the large tracts of territories where these protected children are domiciled it is almost impossible to bring home to these people the proof of their crime.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

Your Commissioners are glad to report that the issue of permits to take insectivorous and other birds and their eggs for scientific purposes has now been entrusted to the Chief Warden.

These permits have been issued indiscriminately for years past and have been grossly abused.

In future the issue will be limited strictly to *bona fide* scientists, and boys, taxidermists, and so-called sportsmen who have hitherto made commercial and other improper use of the privilege granted them will be precluded from getting the permits which have been so freely given out in the past.

FISHERIES.

Your Commissioners regret that the dispute in the matter of the Fisheries existing between the Dominion and Ontario Governments still remains unsettled, for in the meantime the slaughter of Fish and the destruction of their ova goes on as before.

Your Commissioners strongly and unanimously recommend that the test case which they understand is pending between the two Governments in regard to this dispute should be brought on without delay so that the question of jurisdiction may be definitely settled.

Until this is done your Commissioners are afraid to act, and the country can ill afford the losses she is suffering at present in the destruction of fish.

Your Commissioners last year caused 60,000 speckled Trout Fry to be planted in some of the best streams in the Counties of Wentworth and Brant and look for good results from this experiment in the near future. They also caused over 2,000 mature and gravid Bass, Pickerel and Carp to be placed in the upper Grand River during the spawning season of last spring, which they hope will go far towards restocking the waters of that depleted stream. Your Commissioners think that this work should be continued as there are many large waters in the Province almost barren of fish, which could easily be made great food-producing areas besides as affording recreation for its people.

The Chairman of your Commission was honored by being placed on the Advisory Council of the Fisheries Congress of the World's Columbian Exposition, and in being invited to read a paper before the Congress. This he accepted, choosing as his subject "The Assimilation of the Fishery Laws of the Great Lakes," in which he strongly urged the different States bordering on the lakes to enact a close season at least for the great commercial fish—the *Salmonidæ*, as the White Fish, Salmon Trout and Herring. He also urged that the rules and regulations agreed upon at the last International Fisheries Conference held in Detroit be adopted by both countries.

STEAM YACHT NEEDED.

Your Commissioners beg to point out that a steam yacht is urgently needed to enable them to stop the spring shooting and incessant poaching in Canadian waters near the American frontier. Such a vessel is absolutely necessary and your Commissioners hope that one will be provided during the coming year.

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

Your Commissioners experience much difficulty in determining what is, and what is not, unorganized territory, and respectfully urge that this matter may be fully explained to them at an early date.

OFFICE HELP.

Your Commissioners beg to point out that a vast amount of correspondence has accumulated in the Chief Warden's office during the last three years. It is of great importance that this matter should be carefully tabulated, filed and indexed and for this purpose, as well as owing to the fact that the volume of office business is yearly increasing they strongly recommend that an assistant be furnished to take charge of the office work.

The needs of the Commission absolutely require this, and your Commissioners therefore, unanimously urge that this suggestion be carried into effect.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

Your Commissioners are pleased to be able to report an increase in the number of licenses taken out during the year by foreign sportsmen. In 1892, fifty-six licenses were issued, whilst last year the number reached seventy.

Your Commissioners have no reason to doubt that with a more active force of Deputy-Wardens this revenue could be largely increased.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

Your Commissioners are unanimously of the opinion that in view of the scarcity of some of the game animals which were at one time abundant in the Province, a collection should be made without delay. The specimens obtained should be well mounted, and a room found for such a collection in the Parliament Buildings. The collection would be largely added to by interested persons outside of the Commission, and a good collection of specimens and curios, all found within the Province, could soon be obtained.

APPROPRIATION.

Your Commissioners, whilst thankful for the help given them during the past year by the Government, beg to point out that a larger appropriation is necessary in order to enable them to overtake the important work in which they are engaged, and for this reason, respectfully urge that the sum of \$10,000 be placed to their credit for the year 1894.

It is obvious, of course, that as the Game Laws are rigidly enforced from year to year, the offenses against these laws will grow fewer and fewer. It may even be that in course of time the revenue from fines and fees will be reduced to a nominal sum, but this will not be regretted if it means a corresponding gain and increase in the amount of fish and game intended by Almighty God as a cheap food for the citizens of the country.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME ACT.

Your Commissioners have very carefully considered many propositions made to them during the year in the way of amendments to the Game Act. They are convinced, however, that the Consolidated Act of 1893 is, in the main, a sound one, and they have resolved, therefore, to recommend as few amendments as possible. The following recommendations are made advisedly and in the best interests of the Province, and your Commissioners trust that they will receive the careful consideration which they deserve at the hands of the Government.

(1) Sec. 4, Sub-sec. 5: Which prohibits the purchase or sale of Snipe, Woodcock, Partridge, Quail, and Wild Turkey before the 15th September, 1894, to be changed so as to enlarge the same protection for three years more or, until 1897

(2) Clause 8 referring to Musk-rats : To be changed so as to make the open season for Musk-rat from the 1st January to 1st May, but allow trapping only, and not shooting during the month of April.

(3) Clause 8, Strike out the words "Sable or Marten."

(4) Provide where certain periods are mentioned in the Act as open seasons that the first and last days mentioned should be "both inclusive."

(5) Clause 14, sub-sec. 3 : This clause to be enlarged so as to allow any non-resident who obtains a license to hunt in Ontario to take with him out of the Province, two deer or any less number hunted and taken by him, upon obtaining the permit provided for in the said clause.

(6) Sec. 2, sub-sec. 2 : Deer season to remain as at present, but amend section so as to provide that no dogs should be used for hunting Deer after 31st October.

(7) Sec. 14, sub-sec. 4 : Abolish this altogether, except as referring to the Provincial Secretary.

(8) Sec. 15, sub-sec. 3 : This clause should be enlarged by specifying that suspected persons may be searched by Wardens or Deputy-Wardens.

Your Commissioners also recommend that a clause should be framed to reach the guides who assist foreign sportsmen to break the law by accompanying them and shooting the game for them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. A. MACCALLUM,

Chairman Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

DUNNVILLE, 31st December, 1893.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF WARDEN.

HAMILTON, Ont.,

December 31st, 1893.

G. A. MCCALLUM, ESQ., M.D.,

*Chairman,**Ontario Game and Fish Commission.*

SIR,—I beg herewith to submit a summary of the work of the Department for the season of 1893.

I am glad to be able to say that the Game Laws have been, on the whole, rigorously enforced and that they still remain popular with the masses of the people.

My duties during the year have consisted for the most part, in answering and following up the enormous volume of correspondence which has continued to pour in upon me ever since the Commission was organized.

I have also made frequent trips to various parts of the Province to advise the officers under me and to assist in the prosecution of cases where these officials have experienced difficulty in their work.

I have been unable, for want of clerical assistance, to tabulate and keep my office correspondence in such order as I should like to have been able to do, but have found it quite impossible to overtake all the work of this Department single handed.

Attached to this report, however, will be found the usual tables and reports which, I trust, will not only speak for themselves, but be found to be full of interest.

WARDENS.

The manner in which the duties of the four Wardens have been performed during the season has been most satisfactory, and I am glad of this opportunity of being able to testify publicly to their earnestness and worth, and to the zealous assistance which they have given me.

In order to systematize the work as much as possible, I lately made a division of the Province into five parts, giving each Warden a district of his own, and taking another under my own charge. The division of districts was made as follows:—

No. 1. In Charge of A. D. Stewart, Hamilton.

Counties of Bruce, Brant, Dufferin, Grey, Halton, Huron, Oxford, Perth, Peel, Wentworth, Waterloo, Wellington, York.

No. 2. In Charge of H. K. Smith, Belleville.

Counties of Addington, Carleton, Durham, Dundas, Frontenac, Grenville, Glengarry, Hastings, Haliburton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox, Northumberland, Ontario, Prince Edward, Peterborough, Prescott, Russell, Renfrew, Stormont, Victoria.

No. 3. In Charge of Jno. A. Gill, Dunnville.

Counties of Haldimand, Lincoln, Monck, Norfolk, Welland.

No. 4. In Charge of F. C. Quallins, Leamington.

Counties of Elgin, Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex.

No. 5. In Charge of J. H. Willmott, Beaumaris, Muskoka.

Districts of Algoma, Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, and County of Simcoe.

Under the new system, the Wardens in charge of these districts are responsible for the work carried out by the Deputy Wardens under them. The division has lightened my work somewhat, whilst it establishes a direct connection between myself and the officials under me.

DEPUTY-WARDENS.

As against 392 Deputies who held office last year there are now 413 on the rolls.

No provision is made for a salary to these officers, but they are entitled to receive half the fines following convictions in cases where they are the informants.

I have not had time to visit the Deputy-Wardens personally since their first appointment, and although I happen to know some of them, and hear regularly from a few others, I never get a line or report of any sort from a large majority of them.

Some of the Deputies are undoubtedly live men and have done excellent work in their own localities, but others appear to be purely ornamental and apparently take no pains whatever to carry out or enforce the law.

The division of districts before alluded to is the best, which, under the circumstances could be made, but as will be readily seen, some of them are far too large to be superintended efficiently by any one man.

The present system of appointing Deputy-Wardens is not, in my opinion, a good one, although I confess it is difficult to suggest an improvement.

A large paper force of officers may, of course look well, but if the staff is not composed of active, zealous men, it can be of little service.

I am strongly of the opinion that the Wardens in charge of districts should be allowed to select a few good men here and there in each county under their charge, and if this were done the force could then be weeded out and remodelled with advantage.

It is only fair to say that many of the Deputy Wardens, who under other circumstances, might possibly prove to be good officers, will not take any trouble to enforce the Game Laws on account of the conditions under which they serve the Government. Should they happen themselves to lay the information in cases where convictions are obtained they are entitled to receive half the fines following convictions, but if unsuccessful, although their cases may be perfectly clear and lost only through the stupidity of some country magistrate, or through their own inability to prosecute properly, they are called upon to bear all the expenses themselves.

In one sense of course, this system is a wise one, because it undoubtedly prevents hot-headed officers from rushing into court on speculation with cases which they cannot hope to be successful with; but on the other hand it is hardly fair to expect men to go to any large amount of trouble or to lose time and money in the prosecution of cases which may be decided against them, and as a result of which they will be out of pocket.

This is the weakness of the present system, and as long as it continues, no improvement can possibly be expected, nor will the laws ever be enforced as thoroughly and efficiently as they should be.

FRAUDULENT CONVICTIONS.

I have to report that our officers have on several occasions been put to a good deal of inconvenience on account of a piece of sharp practice resorted to by persons charged with violations of the Game Laws.

The offenders wait until they are regularly summoned to appear for trial, and then, ignoring the fact that the law has been set in motion, proceed in company with an accomplice to a friendly magistrate. Upon arrival the accomplice lays an information against his friend, and the friendly magistrate thereupon proceeds to inflict the lowest possible fine.

The fine is then paid, and half of it is paid over by the friendly magistrate to the accomplice, who of course hands the money over to the defendant. In this way the defendant escapes with a nominal fine.

When the original case is called for trial the offender produces a record of his conviction, and as he cannot be tried twice, the constable is saddled with heavy costs and is out of pocket, whilst the law-breakers for miles around laugh him to scorn and set to work again to outwit him if possible.

Some steps should certainly be taken to prevent this species of fraud, otherwise our officers will stop acting altogether.

THE GAME LAWS.

Referring to the present Game Laws, I am satisfied that they were never more thoroughly popular. They have received the general support of all right-thinking people and they are generally endorsed throughout the Province.

As a result of the enforcement of these laws, Game of all sorts has become more plentiful, and the wanton slaughter, which for years existed and by which the Province was being rapidly depleted of its Game and Fur-bearing animals has to a large extent ceased.

This is a state of affairs on which the Commission can well congratulate itself. Even those who have demurred at the restrictions put upon their hunting propensities will find consolation in the fact that game of all sorts will probably be more plentiful than ever and that the Province will be a distinct gainer by the vigorous enforcement of the laws.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

The severity of last winter killed many of the Quail, and that little bird has not been found in such large numbers this year as usual.

Partridge has been on the whole plentiful, whilst the Duck-shooting has been better than for some years past.

Very plentiful also has been the supply of Deer, but I am convinced that a great mistake has been made in making the open season commence so early and last so long. As the law only allows two Deer to each hunter, a shorter season should suffice than the law at present allows.

I regret to say that from the reports which reach me, and from my own observation, the settlers and Indians who are allowed by law to kill Game at all seasons for their own immediate use and for the reasonable necessities of their families, are themselves the most persistent violators of the law. But in the large tracts of territory where these people are domiciled, it is almost impossible to bring home to the law breakers the proof of their crime.

I have not this year heard of a single case of destruction of Fur-bearing animals protected by the Game Act, and this leads me to believe that a valuable industry is being husbanded, and the effect of this protection will be apparent in years to come.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

The issue of permits to take Insectivorous Birds and their eggs for scientific purposes, was entrusted to me at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

These permits were, prior to this year, issued direct from the Department of Agriculture.

I have no means of knowing, of course, whether enquiries were made before these permits were issued, with a view of ascertaining whether the persons applying for them were bona fide scientists, but in looking over the list of persons to whom permits have been granted, I find the names of many who are in no way deserving, and to whom, in my opinion, permits should never have been issued.

A large percentage of permit holders was composed of boys and taxidermists, and frequent complaint has been made to me that the holders take advantage of the permits to openly break the Game Laws.

I have been inundated already with requests for renewals but have almost invariably replied refusing the applications, intimating at the same time that in future the issue would be strictly limited to bona fide scientists.

If this course is not strictly lived up to there is danger that the feathered songsters of the Province will disappear as the Game has done.

FISH.

I regret to say that the dispute in the matter of the Fisheries at present existing between the Dominion and the Ontario Governments still continues.

I have deemed it best, therefore, to remain inactive, being by no means sure what powers I had to administer the Fishery Laws.

I sincerely trust that this matter may be settled one way or another at an early date, for, whilst the days are slipping by, the slaughter of fish and the destruction of their ova continues at an alarming rate and the country cannot afford such losses as she is imperceptibly but surely suffering.

At the suggestion of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, who has at all times manifested a lively interest in the matter of fish protection, I caused to be planted last summer in some of the streams in the neighborhood of Brantford and Hamilton, in the counties of Brant and Wentworth respectively, 60,000 speckled trout fry. These fish were planted under most favorable circumstances and were uniformly strong and healthy; I am hopeful that this effort to restock the streams alluded to will prove successful, although of course, no definite results can be looked for for at least a couple of years.

I again point out that there is nothing in the Fisheries' Act to prohibit the illegal sale of fish during the close season "no matter where killed or procured." For the want of such a clause as this the law is openly violated.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

I have to report that as against 56 licenses issued in 1892, we have this year issued 70, making, at \$25 per license, a total revenue of \$1,750.

Under a more perfect system and with a force of Deputy-Wardens which could be depended upon to pay more attention to their work than some of the present officers evidently care to do, I am confident that this sum could be very largely increased.

The list of the persons to whom these licenses were issued will be found annexed to this report.

STEAM YACHT NEEDED.

I beg to point out that our officers are greatly handicapped at all seasons of the year, in localities where the American frontier is separated from their

territory by water, on account of the habitual poaching of American pot-hunters, who slip over in fast steam launches, and not only shoot without licenses, but, by means of swivel guns and through illegal practices, destroy game in large numbers.

To attempt to capture these offenders by means of row boats, is, of course farcial, and nothing less than a shallow draught, fast running steam launch can meet our wants. The expense of hiring such a vessel from time to time would be very large, and I cannot, for this reason recommend the expenditure, but I have no hesitation in urging and recommending the purchase of a small boat for next year's work.

The outlay would be very small, whilst the work accomplished would be correspondingly great.

CONFISCATION OF WEAPONS.

Under Section 22 of the Ontario Game Act which empowers the seizure of weapons found in the possession of offenders, three guns were seized lately in possession of masked hunters, who were found trespassing on the Long Point Preserves. The offenders were fined for trespassing, and their guns and other appliances were confiscated and sent to me by the presiding Magistrate. One of the guns was shortly afterwards replevined by the owner and the other two are still in my possession.

The case is to be tried at Woodstock, but will not come on, I understand, until the June assizes.

As it is important that the powers given by the clause alluded to should be at all times exercised, I have, under advice from the Provincial Secretary, engaged counsel to prosecute this matter.

I have to thank the Commissioners heartily for the support they have given me and for the kindness and courtesy with which they have treated me throughout the year.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

A. D. STEWART.

Chief Warden.

REPORTS OF WARDENS.

BELLEVILLE, 31st December, 1893.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.

Chief Warden

SIR,—I have the honor to submit this my second annual report.

The year just closed has given us further evidence of the popularity of the Game Laws with the great majority of the people of the Province, and of their value as a means of protecting the Game from the ruthless slaughter of past years.

Deer have been quite numerous this season, indicating a substantial increase in their numbers, due no doubt to the protection afforded by the Game Laws, and to the short and inclement open season of 1892. But the hunting season just closed, having been unusually favorable, the number killed has been largely in excess of that of last year.

The regulations respecting Partridge continue in favor with all classes, and it is generally believed that these birds are increasing in numbers very satisfactorily, while the Wild Ducks have been plentiful enough to afford ample sport as well as profit to those who prefer that kind of shooting.

While under this head, I beg to remind you of the complaints respecting the methods pursued by shooters on Lake St. Francis, and would respectfully refer you to my report on that matter dated the 6th of November.

During the year, infractions of the Laws have been of frequent occurrence, these in many instances, have been followed by speedy punishment which no doubt will have a salutary effect in the future.

There is, however, a class of offenders, who live in the unsettled districts and on the borders of settlements who, apparently, make no pretensions of gaining a livelihood in any way other than hunting and trapping the year round, but who have hitherto escaped punishment from the fact that their locations are so remote from settlements that evidence sufficient to convict cannot be obtained. Complaints against this class are frequently made by *bona fide* settlers, who have no sympathy with them in their lawless pursuits.

Notwithstanding the fact that the present Laws give general satisfaction, I have been asked by a large number of sportsmen to point out to the Commissioners that the Law respecting Hares or Rabbits, is practically prohibitive and that it is not advisable to protect them to such an extent; and the petitioners would respectfully suggest, that as it would not injuriously affect any other class of Game, the Law should be amended, so as to allow of Hares and Rabbits being hunted up to the 1st of February.

I also enclose herewith, a petition from the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the northern part of the County of Hastings, for which I would beg the most serious consideration of the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your obedient servant.

H. K. SMITH,
Warden.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.

LEAMINGTON, December 31st, 1893.

Chief Warden.

SIR :—I have the honor to submit the following report of my work for the year 1893.

Early in spring I received word from Mr. McCollum, a Deputy Game Warden in Kent County, that a great deal of unlawful shooting was going on at Rondeau, and that poachers were coming in from the country and bringing their tents with them, as many others had done in the past, previous to the passing of the new Game Law. We soon caught a couple of them but let them go with a warning as they pleaded ignorance of the Law in regard to spring shooting. This had a good effect and in less than two days there was no more violation going on.

DUCKS AT RONDEAU.

I proceeded then to make a survey of the different channels and marshes of Rondeau Bay with Mr. McCollum, as he desired to prove to me the benefit of not allowing spring shooting. We made trips both by water and by land and I must acknowledge that the trip was an instructive one ; we passed on several occasions, ponds where Ducks were feeding by hundreds within a stone throw : they would hardly pay attention and showed no signs of fear.

The Eau is a beautiful bay of about 10 to 12 miles, and one of the best Duck-shooting grounds in Western Ontario. It is surrounded by a point of solid timber which so many newspapers have mentioned as a proper place for a national park.

OPINIONS OF SPORTING MEN.

The sporting men generally, claim that the prohibiting of Duck-shooting in the spring is unjust, owing to the loose laws of Michigan and Ohio which allow it.

FOXES AND OUR GAME BIRDS.

I wish again to draw your attention to the need of a Law encouraging the killing of Foxes and Wild-cats. I spoke of this in my first report and I am deeply impressed from what I see and hear from good sportsmen, that Foxes do as much damage as cold winter and pot hunters combined. I hope the Government will see its way clear to enact a law giving a bounty for killing these pests ; it would encourage Fox-hunting after the close season, and an increase of Quail and Partridge would naturally follow. Foxes are very numerous in this western district and hunters tell me if a bounty of one dollar was given they would make it a business to clear the county of the enemy of our game birds.

DEER.

Deer are becoming morescarce from year to year and different causes are given ; as a true sportsman remarked the other day it was a pity the Ontario Game Law had not been enforced ten years sooner. The Deer would then have been plentiful all through this part of the country. There is still a tract of woods between Essex and McGregor station on the L.E. & D.R. road where a few can be found, and even these would have been exterminated by this time but for the keen vigilance of Mr. Walker's caretaker and the fear of the new Game Law. Of course cutting and clearing the forests has something to do with the scarcity, but the main cause has been unlawful hunting in and out of season by Indians, and the oftentimes killing of does heavy with fawn, and the hounding of Deer with dogs the whole season.

And now lovers of sport repent and ask what can be done ? The answer is re-stock our woods with Deer, protect them for five years and live up to the Law so that the Game may be preserved and spared.

POACHING IN CANADIAN WATERS.

Before closing my report I think it would be wise for me to mention to you that poaching has not been stopped as much as one would naturally think, though some improvement has been made.

The Game Law is no terror to the American poacher, but the license of \$25 is the thing he dreads, and he would rather run chances of getting caught than pay for his shooting in Canada. The most troublesome and persistent district in this respect is the City of Wyandotte on the Detroit River opposite the Anderdon Marsh, and the St. Clair Flats, where a large number of sporting people live a great part of the year ; they have easy access to Canadian territory as it is only a stone's throw across to Walpole Marsh and Toronto Club grounds. They shoot whenever they are ready (Sunday included) and more especially when they know I am not there to look after them ; the result is I receive letters of censure occasionally from people who want a stop put to this, but it is not quite as easy as some people imagine to stop the evil. Of course the arrests I made on the St. Clair Flats and on Anderdon Marsh had some good effect, but I will have to be there early in spring the same as in fall or repetition of the same will take place.

ONTARIO INLAND FISHERIES.

The fish question I have so far left untouched until I received orders from you regarding the same. On account of the unsettled question between the Dominion and Ontario Governments as to jurisdiction I found myself in an embarrassed position last spring at Rondeau concerning Pike spearing, where a Dominion overseer claimed full power and spoke very unbecomingly of the Ontario laws.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. C. QUALLINS,

Warden.

BEAUMARIS, MUSKOKA, 31st December. 1893.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR :—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report in respect to Game and Fish and my duties in connection therewith as Warden.

DEER.

Deer have been more plentiful the past season than for many previous years and owing to the exceptionally fine weather we had during the hunting season, the influx of hunters was greater than last year, and I may safely say that double the number of Deer were taken out this fall than in that of 1892. I should estimate that 600 or 800 Deer were taken out of Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts combined, to say nothing of those consumed in camp and by residents.

The repeal of the Fawn clause has met with the approbation of all with whom I have spoken on the subject.

The great majority of the settlers are decidedly against the running of dogs, but as a compromise would be satisfied if dogs were only permitted to run part of the open season, say ten or fifteen days.

The lengthening of the open season seems to have given satisfaction to hunting parties from the older settled portions of the Province.

The Laws are well observed although there have been, and always will be infractions, and during the present year there have been 24 prosecutions in this Districts, as follows :

Hunting out of season	5
“ on the Sabbath.....	6
Breach of the Fishery Laws.....	7
Allowing saw-dust to escape.....	2
Unlawfully shooting Ducks.....	1
Shooting Partridges out of season	1
Killing a Moose	1
Having portions of Moose in possession	1
Amount of fines inflicted	\$245 00

Two persons were imprisoned in default of payment of fines.

As there are several prosecutions pending, the evidence in which is not at present strong enough to warrant their being proceeded with, I have taken out warrants for suspected parties, so that we may not lose our cases through lapse of time for the laying of informations.

PARTRIDGES.

Partridges are more numerous in certain localities, but it will take some years of strict preservation before they are as plentiful as they were ten or fifteen years ago.

WOLVES.

Wolves are numerous in the more outlying districts ; I have not heard of any hunters preparing to hunt these animals this winter. I notice that the clause in connection with Wolves does not appear in the Consolidated Act, this should be rectified.

MINK.

Mink is not mentioned either in the Consolidated Game Act.

DEPUTY-WARDENS.

Some of these men are most active in their efforts to have the law observed and offenders punished, but, I regret to say that this does not apply to them as a body.

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

The clause in respect to this causes a vast amount of trouble and I strongly urge that such territory be distinctly defined. From the Act it would appear that Sec. 27 quashes Sec. 2 with regard to Moose killed by settlers in unorganized districts, as the former reads (3rd line) "With regard to *any* game killed, etc."

FISHERY LAWS.

Fishery Laws are fairly observed, but the unsettled question at issue between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, as to which has the jurisdiction over the inland waters, is a bar to the laws being thoroughly and satisfactorily carried out. There has not, however, been nearly so much netting and spearing carried on as formerly, and the confiscation of a number of nets, spears, etc., will have a salutary effect on many who are inclined to infringe the laws.

Settlers are agitating for permits to be issued allowing them to use short nets for the purpose of taking Whitefish and Herring for their own use only. These fish abound in many of the Inland Lakes, and cannot be procured except by netting.

FOREIGNERS.

Foreigners have not been so numerous as last year, probably owing to the World's Fair. Two only of those I met were without licenses and these I provided them with and accounted to you for same.

I received a number of circulars relating to an order in Council, dated 13th May, 1893, changing the close season for bass. One of these I forwarded to each Deputy Warden in the Districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, Algoma and the County of Simcoe.

During the hunting season I engaged extra help for a few days as follows :

For Muskoka, Rosseau, and Joseph Lakes, Moon River, etc.,—Wolstan Riley.

For Southern portion of Parry Sound District and Northern portion of Muskoka District—John Lawrence.

For Northern portion of Parry Sound District—C. W. Burns, Sr.

For Trading Lake, Lake of Bays, and neighborhood—E. J. Gouldie.

For Lakes Vernon, Fairy, Peninsula and lakes lying north-east—C. N. Chapman.

I have instructed these gentlemen to forward reports of their proceedings during their term of service.

It is most gratifying to hear on every hand, that the Game Laws are working admirably, and that a very apparent good result will be recognized in a few years. I may safely say that last winter, owing to the unsettled depth of snow, had it not been for the new Game laws thousands of Deer would have been ruthlessly butchered in the "yards" and on the "crust." As it was, comparatively few cases came under my observation and the offenders in these were prosecuted.

I have endeavored, as far as possible, to keep down expenses, not having made trips unless absolutely necessary. This, however, I am not satisfied is a wise policy to pursue, as I think the occasional presence of an official has a beneficial effect, and I believe a run through Algoma and the remoter portions of the Province would be productive of good.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. WILLMOTT,

Warden.

DUNNVILLE, Dec. 31st, 1893.

A. D. STEWART, Esq.,

Chief Warden.

SIR,—I beg to submit my second annual report in connection with the Game and Fish in the south-eastern portion of Ontario.

During the past winter the wild ducks have been unusually plentiful, and these birds have remained in open waters by the dams, waste-mires and mill flumes in the Grand River until late in the spring, thus showing the good results of the Game Act, for it has been long since ducks remained in such numbers in this section as during the past year.

Illegal shooting has not been very noticeable during the winter. Of course some poaching has been done, and this has been encouraged by certain persons who have acted as fences for the disposal of the game bought of them.

As soon as the Grand River is clear of ice the dwellers in the little hamlet, known as Scottsville, commence their operations to take their annual catch of fish. I was instructed by the Chairman of the Commission to visit these fishermen daily to receive and carefully count all the black bass, pickerel, white bass and German carp, which might be caught in their nets during the close season, my orders being to have such fish transferred alive into the upper river.

These instructions I have carefully carried out, the fish seized by me being carefully placed alive in the upper river for the purpose of propagation.

The number of fish thus transferred amounted to two thousand seven hundred and fifty-three (2,753) exclusive of some small fish which were too small to sell and which I thought would be of some value if transplanted, as they cost nothing except the trouble of transfer.

Of these four hundred were carp of the best varieties.

The Chairman of the Commission also received a case of German carp from the United States Fish Hatchery, and these fish were carefully transferred to a suitable place and will, I think, in time greatly assist in stocking the river with valuable fish.

During the month of May I was notified by you to proceed to Hamilton to patrol the bay and Dundas marsh for the purpose of preventing spring shooting and enforcing the game laws generally.

I remained on the ground two weeks looking carefully over it and found three or four men who had been in the habit of breaking the laws, and these I warned against the continuance of the evil practices.

One man I caught shooting on the bay* opposite the Des Jardines bridge, but not having a boat at hand and being unable to get near him, I was unable to effect his arrest.

When I left Hamilton, I left a deputy warden in charge and carefully instructed him as to the manner in which he was to proceed, and I was glad to hear later on that some cases had been successfully prosecuted.

I think the Game Act was being better observed in Hamilton than was reported. I saw a good deal of target shooting along the bay frontier, and this leading as it did to the constant report of guns lead many to think that spring shooting was being indulged in.

During the summer season the law was very generally observed in this district. I kept a very close watch; I found but little to complain of until the shooting season commenced, when I found that the law might be improved from a warden's point of view at all events.

I beg to point out that foreign shooters come here regularly and engage guides to carry the guns and do all the shooting; the foreigners following and bagging the game, thus avoiding the necessity of taking out licenses.

This is certainly a violation of the spirit of the law and I intend, at the first opportunity, to test the matter in court.

Partridge and quail have been reported to me as more abundant than they were last year. I certainly see a great improvement in the number of these birds in the localities immediately adjoining Dunnville, Ridgeway, Seneca and Caistor.

The supply of black squirrel was very good but the grey ones were rare. Woodcock were more numerous, and there were several flocks of plover, but not many were shot here.

Foreign sportsmen were not very numerous this year, most of them being fishermen and not shooters.

Native large white hare appears to be disappearing, but the cotton tail is as much in evidence as ever.

The law which now allows of the cotton tail being shot at all seasons makes it most difficult for the wardens to control poachers, for these men may now be found roaming over the haunts of the game birds, pretending of course, that it is the cotton tail rabbit for which they are hunting.

In accordance with your instructions I have kept a sharp look out for American sportsmen who may come over in steam yachts or sail boats. Several of these have been warned off, but occasionally a small tug or steam launch will run over to the Canadian shore.

These men cannot be captured or prevented without the use of a quick running vessel similar to their own.

I was sent by you to Hamilton, Brantford and London towards the end of December, to visit certain game dealers who were reported to have been selling game illegally.

I carefully searched many stores, hotels, restaurants and other such places, but failed to find a single case in which the law was being broken.

I waited after this for some time at Ridgeway in the hope of being able to capture some of the American poachers who break the law in that locality, but I was not successful in making any arrests.

Since last June I have been almost entirely engaged in patrolling the territory under my charge.

The number of convictions obtained by me during the year, together with the account of the amount collected in fines, has been duly sent you.

On the whole, I think the present game law is a good one and generally popular, and the more rigidly it is enforced the more plentiful will the supply of game become and the fewer will be the convictions arising from infractions of the law.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. GILL,
Warden.

REPORT OF SPECIAL PATROL OF DEPUTY WARDEN WOLSTAN
RILEY, MADE IN THE MUSKOKA DISTRICT.

To A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,

Chief Warden.

October 24th.—Went from Beaumaris to Balla; saw a camp on Long Lake. All from London, Ontario.

October 25th.—Visited three camps down Moon River; about 30 hunters from Toronto, Milton, Belleville, London and Hamilton. Saw one deer killed,—reports say deer are not as thick round there as usual. One camp had killed a few and shipped before I got there.

October 30th.—Went to Port Carling; saw a hunting party from London,—all quiet in that part.

October 31st.—Visited Port Sandfield, not many hunters in that part of the peninsula.

November 1st.—At Foots Bay. Visited a number of hunters in that neighborhood, (all Canadians), a great many deer being killed round there, but could not find that any party had taken more than their number.

November 2nd.—Visited a party at Barnsdall, all from Toronto and Hamilton, was told they had been hunting on the Sunday before—believe Warden Willmott is prosecuting them for the same.

November 3rd.—At Port Cockburn found two Americans without licenses, one of them was from New York State, and the other pretended to be from St. Catharine's Ont.; took them down to Beaumaris to get licenses from Warden Willmott. A number of deer killed there.

November 4th.—Around Lake Leonard and neighborhood. All quiet in these parts.

November 7th.—Up to Gregory and little Lake Joseph; only one camp there all Canadians.

November 8th.—Down Lake Joseph to Port Sandfield—all quiet down the shore and round that part.

November 9th.—Came from Sandfield to Milford Bay, calling at some points on the way but not finding any camps. During the time I was out I waited for and went on board the steamers often, and saw about 60 deer being sent away,—made enquires but could not find out that any party had above their number

WOLSTAN RILEY,
Deputy-Warden.

REPORT OF SPECIAL PATROL OF DEPUTY WARDEN THOMPSON ALONG THE NIAGARA FRONTIER.

To A. D. STEWART,
Chief Warden.

November 18th.—Went to Fort Erie.

November 19th.—Patrolled river all day ; saw three men shooting, belonging to city of Buffalo, was unable to catch them.

November 20th.—Watched three men shooting all day, they did not come ashore ; put up for night at Barneys Hotel, Victoria.

November 21st.—Rowed Fort Erie to Burnship Creek, saw steam yacht and two row boats with two men each, all were shooting. I went to Lascelle and put up for night.

November 22nd.—Rowed river all day and came to Fort Erie, put up for night.

November 23rd.—Went to Chrystal Beach, stopped all day. Saw two Yank-ees shooting over decoys, could not get them, had no boat, went to Ridgeway, put up for night.

November 24.—Walked from Crystal Beach to Fort Erie and saw nothing,—put up for night.

November 25.—Commenced to board at Globe Hotel, patrolled river, saw nothing.

November 26.—Patrolled river ; saw steam yacht, came from Black Creek. Walked fourteen miles, put up for night.

November 27.—Rowed to Black Creek and back, and put up for night.

November 28.—Walked to Black Creek and back, saw steam yacht, named "Island Belle" of Buffalo, towing two duck boats, put up there for night.

November 29.—Went to Port Colborne, walked to Welland, put up for night.

November 30.—Went to Chippawa and back to Port Colborne for night, and saw three men shooting, but found they were Canadians.

December 1.—Patrolled river, saw no shooting. Put up for night.

December 2nd.—Patrolled river, saw nothing, put up for night.

December 3rd.—Went to Black Creek and back, saw one steam yacht and two row boats and four men with white suits, then came to Fort Erie, put up for night.

December 4th.—Patrolled river, saw nothing.

December 5th.—Came home.

REPORT OF SPECIAL PATROL MADE BY DEPUTY-WARDEN
C. N. CHAPMAN, OF MUSKOKA.

To A. D. STEWART,

Chief Warden.

On Oct. 18th I met all trains from south and saw all steamboats depart. One party from Grimsby with four hounds went east.

On Oct. 19th Came to Peninsula Lake and camped, intending to board all incoming steamers at Portage wharf by day and to watch spawning beds at night.

Oct. 20th: No spearing last night; one party of seven hunters from Canada West arrived by morning boat. After dusk went over to Lake of Bays. All was right.

Oct. 21st: No sports by boats. Returned home at night.

Oct. 24th: Went south to Mary Lake in quest of netters; was wind bound at mouth of river and camped for night.

Oct. 25th: 7 a.m. went down lake to Lawrence's Island and found large net hidden beneath a shingle bolt. I ambushed myself and watched for some one to come and set it. I cooked my dinner with some Indians who were camped near Mud Lake. At 2.30 p.m. I returned to Island and found a man in the act of setting net. I also found a large net set along Roper's Point. I took both and returned to Huntsville. I could not accost the man, for I was in a small bark canoe and alone.

Oct. 26th: This morning I heard reports of illegal fishing on Rebecca Lake, in the Township of Sinclair. I set out in that direction at once, and camped at Wills' Mill. Bad snow-storm and cold.

Oct. 27th: Looked over Pell's Lake and Benson's Lake. Paddled round Rebecca Lake and crossed Sand Lake; all seemed quiet. I saw no one. Camped in empty house on lake shore, and put in a cold night, having no blankets and very little fire.

Oct. 28th: Rain. Left Rebecca Lake at 8 a.m., came to Eagle's Lake at noon; still raining. Looked over Walker's Lake, Jerrie's Lake and Near Cut Lake. All's well. Came home in heavy snow-storm, arriving at 9 p.m.

Nov. 1st: Came east in canoe, bound for Black Point, on Lake of Bays; met Mr. Wilmott in the canal. Crossed portage and came to Lighthouse's Bay and camped; had a rough paddle against high sea and head wind.

Nov. 2nd: Paddled to Black Point, found that the hunting parties were from Grimsby and Clinton. They seem to have had but poor luck. Their camps were at Black River. On returning was blown ashore and wind-bound on Hume's Point and had to stay all night and sleep on the ground under canoe.

Nov. 3rd: Put in a tough night—cold and rain; came to Lighthouse's Bay; got pack and came home.

Nov. 4th: Dried and packed nets (taken on 25th of October) and shipped them to Warden Wilmott at Beaumaris.

Nov. 13th: Came west to East River and camped on way to Long Lake, where netting is known to take place.

Nov. 14th: Hid my stuff in camp, took canoe and gun and portaged to Long Lake, arriving there at 7.10 a.m. Went all over Long and Juice Lakes and to Hopkins Lake; camped on portage.

Nov. 15th: Took a turn up lake and round island with grapple; found no nets so far; portaged back to river camp, thence home.

C. N. CHAPMAN,
Deputy-Warden.

LIST OF DEPUTY-WARDENS BY COUNTIES, 1893.

Algoma.

Anderson, Alexander	Pearl River, C. P. R.
Gilmore, William	Sault Ste. Marie.
Harris, John	Sault Ste. Marie.
Brown, Frank	Port Arthur.
Emmons, John	Rat Portage.
Fraser, D	"
Gardner, J	"
McKewen, S. R	Tehkummah.
McKirdy, William	Nepigon.
Whalen Joseph	Port Arthur.
Wetmore, Geo. L	Schreiber.
Riley, Edward	Port Arthur.
Little, J. T	Iron Bridge.
Rush, Robert	Sault Ste. Marie.
Piche, John	Sudbury.
Bole, Duncan	Sault Ste. Marie.

Addington.

Donaldson, William J	Donaldson's Mills.
Meeks, Mortimer	Bell Rock.
Sly, Henry	Verona.
Tryon, Levi	Sharbot Lake.
Tallon, James	Arden.
Vaness, Marshall	Harlowe.

Bruce.

Farquharson, John	Teeswater.
Armstrong, Joseph	Kinloss.
Barley, Edward	Lion's Head.
Garnier, Dr. Jno. H	Lucknow.
Henderson, James	Kincardine.
Heffernan, Patrick	Walkerton.
Hogg, Wm. W	Paisley.
Lawson, W. H	Park Head.
Millons, Robert	Walkerton.
Manly, David	Riversdale.
McKillop, Hugh	Hepworth.
Grey, Wesley	Chesley.
McIvor, John	McIvor.
McFarlane, Duncan	Red Bay.
McDonald, Donald	Ripley.
Pratt, John	Kincardine.
Richards, Chas. A	Tara.
Scott, John	Dyer's Bay.
Henry, George	Port Elgin.

Brant.

Montgomery, C. A	Brantford.
McLaughlin, Geo. W	Brantford.
Irving, Robert P	Glenmorris.
Kitchen, Dr. E. C	St. George.

Carleton.

Graham, R. T. South March.

Dufferin.

Durkin, William Bowling Green.
 Marshall, James E Shelburne.
 Rowbotham, Wm Redickville.

Durham.

Hales, Hugh B. Port Hope.

Dundas.

Cameron, Lachlin Iroquois.
 Price, James Inkerman.

Elgin.

Fairbrother, Wm St. Thomas.
 Fowler, Jacob Fingal.
 Gignac, Hilaire Gordon.
 Hannen, Isaac Union.
 Hopkins, John St. Thomas.
 Huffman, Jeremiah Aylmer.
 Hammond, John Aylmer.
 Kirkpatrick, Donald West Lorne.
 Miller, Robert Lawrence Station.
 Neely, John R. Fingal.
 Philpott, Wm. J Iona.
 Thornton, Henry St. Thomas.

Essex.

Banks, Anthony Harrow.
 Britt, G. Wheatley.
 Cornette, Charles F. Belle River.
 Campbell, Duncan C Staples.
 Holland, Hugh Comber.
 Hillman, Jonas Hillman.
 Lindsay, William Comber.
 Lemaitre, Seraphim Tecumseth.
 Mills, Charles Wheatley.
 Masters, Allios Sandwich.
 Meloche, Joseph "
 Robert, Joseph "
 Rivard, Napoleon Tecumseth.
 Soulliere, Stephen Tecumseth.
 Souchereau, Stephen St. Clair Siding.
 Wilson, Samuel Sandwich.
 White, James H Pelee Island.
 Walker, Noe St. Joachim.
 King, George Ruthven.
 Uyder, Charles Windsor.
 Ives, Arthur Leamington.
 Antago, Daniel Petite Cote.

Frontenac.

Brickwood, James H	Kingston.
Albertson, George	Verona.
Clark, Norman	Mississippi Station.
Dermott, J. A	Tichborne.
Dowker, William S	Harrowsmith.
Gates, George	Westbrook.
Greenwood, George	Wolfe Island.
Halliday, F	Mississippi Station.
Martin, John	Barriefield.
Pallier, Alexander	Wilmer.
Snooks, Edward H	Desert Lake.
Walker, Nelson	Cataraqui.
Smith, David John	Parham.
Theobald, John M	Kingston
Gilbert Robert	Ompah.
Kirkwood, Jas W	Levant Station.
Woodman, W. G	Allan, Wolfe Island.
York, E. M	Bellrock.
Burke, Robert Jr.	Clarendon Station.
Davey, Sydney W	Murvale.

Grey.

Campbell, Malcolm	Hanover.
Holmes, Geo. B	Walter's Falls.
Long, William	Kolapore.
Wilson, William H	Shouldice.
Siegman, Ludwig	Neustadt.

Grenville.

McConnell, Wayland F	Gladstone.
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Glengarry.

Clark, James	Dominionville.
McGillivray, Donald W	Dalkeith.
McNaughton, J. P	Laggan.
McDougall, D. P	Maxville.
McRae, Donald C	North Lancaster.
Stewart, M. W.	Greenfield.
Dickson, Daniel	Williamstown.
Dunn, Ambrose	South Lancaster.

Hastings.

Airhart, Geo. W	Stirling.
Adams, George	Hermon.
Barr, Peter	Maynooth.
Brinklow, Henry	Ormsby.
Birrel, James	Glanmire.
Faulkner, Dr. D. W	Foxboro.
Faulkner, Dr. G. W	Stirling.
Foster, Alexander	Egan Creek.
Mairs, James H	Bridgewater.
Reid, George	Madoc.
Speck, William	Bridgewater.
Sweet, W. H	Bancroft.
Sweet, W. James	Bancroft.

Stanyer, Thomas	Bancroft.
Tivy, Richard S	Coe Hill.
Unwin, Walker	Bannockburn.
Bowell, W. J.	Tweed.
Rupert, Thomas	Spring Brook.

Halton.

Bradley, Stinson	Milton.
Brown, Robert M.	Campbellville.
Crawford, Murray	Campbellville.
Grant, Lachlin	Georgetown.
Johnson, Walter M.	Milton.
Saunders, Edward G	Agerton.
Wilson, James	Bronte.
Lawson, John	Acton.

Huron.

Dalton, Morgan	Kingsbridge.
Kinnsman, R.	Wingham.
Naftel, Charles J. S.	Goderich.
Paisley, William	Clinton.
Ross, John M	Blyth.
Gill, John	Exeter.
Creech, James	Exeter.
Sands, John	Saltford.
Seager, Charles	Goderich.
Scott, Alex	Westfield.
Horton, George	Gerrie.

Haliburton.

Day, Joseph	Essonville.
Paul, Joseph	Haliburton.
Turnbull, James	Minden.

Haldimand.

Chrysler, Robert	North Cayuga.
Everingham, William	Canfield.
Farrell, John	Cayuga.
Johnson, Peter	Dunnville.
Thompson, Wellington	Port Maitland.
Winslow, Martin	Dunnville.

Kent.

Boles, Gordon	Chatham.
Crouch, Samuel	Ridgetown.
Eberts, Frank G.	Chatham.
Johnson, W. J.	Fargo.
Kime, George	Big Point.
Merritt, Asra	Ouvry.
McCollum, Thomas	Morpeth.
Robinson, Victor	Chatham.
Southgate, R. M	Wallaceburg.
Thomas, Joseph	Williams.

Lambton.

Blair, William	Port Lambton.
Bell, John	Port Franks.

Deans, James	Inwood.
Kennedy, Joseph	Port Lambton.
Miller, Frank	Port Franks.
Mott, Edwin L.	Alvinston.
Everest, G. M.	Arkona.
Taylor, J. P.	Watford.

Lanark.

Mair, David	Lanark.
Farnall, William	Smith's Falls.

Leeds.

Smith, Justus	Charleston.
Sly, Lester	Morton.
Bilton, George	Newboro.
Lappin, J. J.	Westport.
Sliter, A. E.	Morton.
Murchie, Robert	Wilstead.

Lennox.

Huff, Hiram W.	Napanee.
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Lincoln.

McPherson, James	St. Anns.
Kennedy, C. A.	Smithville.

Middlesex.

McCann, Peter	London.
O'Neil, W. H.	Dorchester.
Ward, R. W.	London West.
Ralph, Thomas J.	Ballymure.
Beverley, John	Dorchester Station.
Dixon, Michael	Cashmere.
Williams, Alfred M.	Lobo.

Monck.

McDowell, Andrew	Stromness.
Pettit, Arthur	Moulton Station.
Barwell, John	Wellandport.
Moore, Daniel	Perry Station.

Muskoka.

Butler, C. F.	Point Kaye.
Brown, Robert D.	Port Sydney.
Brooks, Edgar, jr.	Huntsville.
Berry, William	Walker's Point.
Bettes, J. H.	Muskoka Mills.
Broadley, Enos	Beaumaris.
Chapman, Charles N.	Huntsville.
Crompton, W. B.	Aspdin.
Davidson, William	Brackenrig.
Foreman, Walter	Port Carling.
Gouldie, E. J.	Dwight.
Gohm, William	Bracebridge.
Henderson, Charles	Bracebridge.
Harborn, John	Whiteside.

Hollingshead, Walter M.	Sprucedale.
Kaye, Alfred	Port Sydney.
Mitchell, Robert	Cecebe.
McLeod, John	Hammil's Point.
Grenke Gustav	Rosseau.
Dart, Stephen	Dorset P. O.
Paget, George	Huntsville.
Stephens, George	Shannon Hall.
Traves, Elias H	Fraserburg.
Laurence, John	Shannon Hall.
Shannon, Peter	Port Carling.
Taylor, C. N.	Gravenhurst.
Thornton, Richard	Huntsville.
Wood, Michael	Clevelands.
Warne, Francis P.	Baysville.
Wroe, Thomas W.	Beaumans.
Waddell, John	Bracebridge.

Norfolk.

Baker, Huit.	Windham Centre.
Brown, Isaiah	Port Rowan.
Barrett, A. P.	Port Royal.
Clark, Benjamin	Simcoe.
Duncan, James L.	Forrestville.
Dowswell, John	Lynedoch.
Ewing, Alex. R.	Waterford.
Fick, Jerome B.	Port Dover.
Hambly, Wm. E.	Rockford.
Nickerson, W. F.	Simcoe.
Randall, Robert	Bookton.
Wilson, Abner	Lynedoch.
Kramer, Conrad	Delhi.

Northumberland.

Diamond, T.	Cobourg.
Field, Cyrus W.	Cobourg.
Fairbanks, Dr. Charles S.	Cobourg.
Nimmo, T. J.	Bensford.
Wedlock, James	Bensford.
Wallace, Thomas	Gore's Landing.

Nipissing.

Huntington, S. L.	North Bay.
Garrow, E.	Nippissing Junction.
McNab, Donald	Nippissing.
Bard, F.	Sturgeon Falls.

Oxford.

Tisdale, J. C.	Woodstock.
Martin, Richard	Woodstock.

Ontario.

Bagshaw, Obed E.	Vroomanton.
Hall, Maxwell	Longford Mills.
Frankish, F. M.	Uxbridge.

McGrath, Michael	Brechin.
McMillan, D.	Beaverton.
Sutcliffe, James	Prince Albert.
Williams, Chas.	Glen Major.
Gordon, John	Pickering.
Willis, James	Whitby.
Henry, T. S.	Cedardale.
McDermott, George	Port Perry.
Miller, Arthur	Seagrave.

Prince Edward.

Lake, Stephen	West Lake.
Sprague, Geo. G.	Demorestville.
Rorabeck, Athol	Crofton.

Peterborough.

Ludgate, Theodore	Peterborough.
Lambert, Henry	Silver Lake.
Moore, F. J.	Lakefield.
Moore, D. H.	Peterborough.
Merriam, H. N.	Harwood.
McWilliams, J. B.	Peterborough.
Smith, J. W.	Peterborough.
Wedlock, William	Keene.
Hartley, E. J.	Peterborough.

Parry Sound.

Burns, C. W., sr.	South River.
Doupe, Sydney	Laurence Mills.
Draycott, F. W.	Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur	Seguin Falls.
Hall, William H.	Sprucedale.
Johnston, John A.	Parry Sound.
Kennedy, W. E.	Maganetawan.
McDermott, Benjamin	Sundridge.
McGowan, William	Parry Sound.
Ward, Thomas B.	Burk's Falls.
McAmmond, William	Dunchurch.
LaBrash, James P.	Maple Island.
French, Benjamin	Dunchurch.
Sloman, Alfred.	Trout Creek.
Butler, Clarence H.	Trout Creek.
Carmichael, William	Powassan.
McDonald, Arch	Sundridge.
Ricker, David	Commanda.
Groom, Henry	Kearney.

Prescott.

Bonville, Leon	St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barrett, John	Fournier.
Cunningham, A.	Wendover.
Ferguson, William	Vankleek Hill.
James, Richard	Alfred.
LaBelle, Leonce	Curran.

Marston, Lewis F	L'Orignal.
Martineau, Joseph	Alfred.
McKercher, Peter	L'Orignal.
Ross, Joseph	Vankleek Hill.
St. Pierre, Pierre	St. Eugene.
Scott, David	Riceville.
LeRoy, Ralph	Barb.
Lefavivre, Hercule	Lefavivre.

Peel.

Rayburn, John	Caledon.
Walterhouse, Edward	Cooksville.

Perth.

Climie, W. R	Listowell.
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Renfrew.

Brady, John	Renfrew.
Biggs, William E.	Pembroke.
Biggs, Aaron	Pembroke.
Coffey, William	Pembroke.
Johnston, S. M.	Arnprior.
Kennedy, John	Pembroke.
McCagherty, P.	Pembroke.
McDonald, Alex	Pembroke.
Plaunt, Xavier	Renfrew.
Smith, Robert R.	Eganville.
Halliday, James	Springtown.

Simcoe.

Bathie, Edward	Cookstown.
Beardsley, Alfred W.	Barrie.
Chapman, James	Cookstown.
Fildey, George	Cookstown.
Hines, John	Barrie.
Kearns, George	Ivy.
Moir, John	Cookstown.
Mills, William	Elmvale.
McLaughlin, James	Anten Mills.
Primrose, Alex	Apto.
Pollock, Thomas	Cookstown.
Ross, Joseph	Cookstown.
Regan, John	Orillia.
Rawson, William	Coldwater.
Somerville, David	Stayner.
Upton, George	Nicolston.
Wilson, J. J.	Fesserton.
Kitchen, Joseph	Lovering.
Shakell, William	Lovering.

Victoria.

Bowins, Charles	Coboconk.
Crowe, Nathaniel	Bobcaygeon.
Dewdney, Arthur W	Bobcaygeon.

Daniel, John	Balsam Grove.
Ellis, J. A.	Fenelon Falls.
Galloway, David	Moore's Falls.
Howie, John	Bury's Green.
Junkin, James	Fenelon Falls.
Harris, Noxon	Bobcaygeon.
Lysh, William	Bobcaygeon.
Nicholls, Gardiner	Bobcaygeon.
McArthur, Donald	Manilla.
Silverthorn, George	Balcover.
Wills, T. J	Bobcaygeon.
Ray, John	Kirkfield.

Welland.

Augustine, Elias	Stonebridge.
Barnhart, George	Sherkston.
Griffin, Richard	Fort Erie.
Hershey, Miltord	Garrison Road.
Nixon, J. C	Welland.
Neff, Peter	Marshville.
Page, A. E. O.	Ridgeway.
Rose, Charles, jr	Garrison Road.
Risley, E. E.	International Bridge.
Teal, Irwin	Ridgeway.
Miller, Charles A.	Black Creek.
Beam, Horace H	Black Creek.
Teal, C	Ridgeway.
Michener, Cyrenus	Ridgeway.

Waterloo.

Bulmer, George	Elmira.
Devitt, John	Waterloo.
Fraser, Alex.	New Hamburg.
Gildner, Henry	Berlin.
Gillies, Peter	Galt.
Hall, James	Hawksville.
Menger, William	St. Jacobs.
Mickers, Joseph	Heidelberg.
Mayers, Frederick	Bridgeport.
McCruden, Robert	Galt.
McMaster, Thomas	Hespler.
Stark, John	Hespler.
Springer, Joseph	Kossuth.

Wentworth.

Raspberry, William	West Flamboro.
Gallin, Warran	Waterdown.

Wellington.

Atkinson, Geo. Osborn	Guelph.
Hull, Wellington	Erin.
Gordon, James	Monticello.
Love, James	Guelph.
McGinnis, Alex	Arkell.

Smith, George	Eden Mills.
Williams, Henry M	Guelph.
Gay, William	Elora.
Lang, George	Hillsburg.
Gilchrist, John W.	Kilean.
Robertson, Thos	Kilean.

York.

Browne, Hume	Toronto.
Hope, W. B.	Toronto.
Tidsberry, James L	Coleman.
Kennedy, James	Toronto.

Province of Quebec.

*Cowley, E. A.	Montreal.
*Finnie, Dr. J. T.	Montreal.

SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1893.

Averell, James G.	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Knapp, James G	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Clark, George C	New York, N. Y.
Averell, S. Gilbert	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Voight, O. H.	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Grove, Jas. W	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Baird, Ulysses	Alleghany Co., Pa.
McKee, Samuel H.	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Collins, Jas. W	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Meyrick, Wm. H.	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Davidson, J. N.	Alleghany Co., Pa.
Henley, W. M	Newboro', Mass.
Cooper, A. D.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Smith, E. Ashley	Lockport, N. Y.
Keep, R. W.	Lockport, N. Y.
Johnson, H. M.	Boston, Mass.
Smalley, George N.	Westboro', Mass.
Smalley, Leonard D.	Westboro', Mass.
Vanderkupt, A. B.	Orange, N. J.
Visger, H. W.	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Hudson, C. J.	New York, N. Y.
Seyebel, D. E.	New York, N. Y.
Nichol, W. H.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Steele, S. H.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hume A. E.	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

*These officers have been specially appointed to enforce the Game Law on Lake St. Francis which is partly in Ontario and partly in Quebec.

Bedore, Joseph	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
Wittmore, John	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
Beath, Thomas	Detroit, Mich.
Stanton, Marvin M.	Detroit, Mich.
Day, Caleb.	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
Monday, St. Marks M.	Louisville, Ky.
Hutchins, W. P.	Detroit, Mich.
Bambler, Gustav	Wyandotte, Mich.
Nelson, E. H.	Detroit, Mich.
McKay, J. B.	Detroit, Mich.
Oelrichs, Wm.	Wyandotte, Mich.
Clark, A. B.	Wyandotte, Mich.
Baugh, A. B.	Detroit, Mich.
Walker, Franklin H.	Detroit, Mich.
Hathaway, Horatio.	New Bedford, Mass.
Brush, A. E.	Detroit, Mich.
Hayden, Charles	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Derian, Louis	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Lothrop, Geo. H.	Detroit, Mich.
Knapp, Jos. P.	New York, N. Y.
Lord, Jno. T.	London, England.
Wittwer, Jno.	Detroit, Mich.
Smith, Jay C.	New York, N. Y.
Page, F. Seaver.	New York, N. Y.
Curtis, Lawrence.	Boston, Mass.
Hill, G. B.	Pittsburg, Pa.
McAffie, Jas.	Pittsburg, Pa.
McMillan, D. H.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Lauder, Walter	New York, N. Y.
Wainwright, Jno. H.	New York, N. Y.
Hendrie, Strathearn	Detroit, Mich.
Sweney, H. R.	Albany, N. Y.
Dickerman, W. B.	New York, N. Y.
Rhoades, R. L.	Lockport, N. Y.
Kennard, P. S.	Cleveland, O.
Cabot, Arthur T.	Boston, Mass.
Hemenway, Augustus	Boston, Mass.
Logie, L. A.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Gregg, F. M.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Richards, Geo. H.	Boston, Mass.
Ward, Jno. M.	New York, N. Y.
McMillan, Jas. H.	Detroit, Mich.
Paton, S.	New York, N. Y.
Cabot, Louis	Boston, Mass.
Dominick, W. G.	New York, N. Y.

District or County.	Name of Prosecutor.	Date.	Name of Offender.	Address.	Offense Charged.
		1893.			
Algoma	D. Bole	April 27 ..			
Addington ..	Levi Tryon	October 14 ..			
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Bruce	Patrick Hefferman ..	August ..	J. McKay	Lovatt	Putting saw-dust in river ..
Carleton	R. T. Graham				
Frontenac	Jas. H. Brickwood ..	Mar. 23 ..	C. Lyon	Inverary	Illegal fishing
"	"	May 20 ..	M. Van Order ..	Portsmouth ..	"
"	"	" 25 ..	Isaiah Van Order ..	Williamsville ..	"
"	"	June 3 ..	E. Staley	Wolfe Island ..	Illegal hunting
"	"	" 3 ..	H. Staley	"	"
"	"	" 3 ..	Jas. Conley	"	Illegal fishing
"	"	July 14 ..	Jas. Han	Portsmouth ..	"
"	"	" 14 ..	Thos. Van Order ..	"	"
"	"	Sept. 2 ..	J. Lappum	Mill Haven ..	"
"	"	Nov. 20 ..	A. Lake	Inverary	"
"	"	Dec. 19 ..	Alfred Webb ..	"	"
"	"	Nov. 16 ..	R. B. Howes	Bedford	Illegal hunting
"	"	Jan. 6 ..	J. Amey	Sydenham	Illegal fishing
"	Nelson Walker	April ..	Isaiah Van Order ..	Williams	Trapping
"	Wm. Dowker		Reuben Jackson ..	Verona	Shooting ducks
Grey	Malcolm Campbell ..	Oct. 27 ..	Philip Fischer ..	Hanover	Illegal hunting
"	Ludwig Seigman	July 9 ..	C. Holme	Moltke	Sunday fishing
"	"	" 9 ..	A. Weikel	"	"
"	"	" 9 ..	M. Bender	"	"
"	"	" 9 ..	G. Zimmermann ..	Neustadt	"
Haldimand ..	J. A. Gill	Mar. 27 ..	R. V. Hammond ..	Stromness	Destroying muskrat houses ..
"	"	" 27 ..	"	"	Sunday shooting
"	"	Nov. 5 ..	T. Scott	Byng	"
"	"	" 4 ..	Edward Badger ..	Thorold	Shooting duck off steam yacht ..
"	"	July 27 ..	Jno. Arderly	Dunnville	Sunday shooting
Hastings	Alex. Foster	August ..	Wm. Bruner	Heartsman	Putting saw-dust in stream ..
"	Henry Brinklow		Arthur Swayne ..	Ormsby	Killing deer ..
"			Howard Letts ..		" ..
Huron	W. J. Paisley	Sept. 23 ..	George Stuart	Clinton	Shooting partridge
"	John Gill	" 1 ..	George O'Brien ..	Hay	Illegal shooting
"	"	" 1 ..	David McCarty ..	"	"
"	Robert Kinnsman ..	May 29 ..	Elijah Jacklin ..	Wingham	Sunday fishing
"	"	" 29 ..	James Stapleton ..	"	"
"	"	" 29 ..	A. Castlick	"	"
"	"	June 4 ..	Hugh McKinnon ..	"	"
"	"	" 26 ..	Duff & Stewart ..	Bluevale	Putting saw-dust in river ..
Kent	George Kime	April 29 ..	Napoleon Martin ..	Big Point	Illegal shooting
Lanark	David Mair	May ..	Robt. Buffam	Fallbrook	Sunday trapping
"	"	" ..	"	"	Illegal trapping
"	"	" ..	James Bowes	Balderson	Sunday trapping
"	Wm. Farnell	Oct. 31 ..	Jno. Hartigan	Smith's Falls ..	Illegal shooting
"	"	Aug. 13 ..	Wm. Sheppard ..	"	Sunday hunting
Leeds	Robert Murchie	April 10 ..	Haley Watson	Marble Rock ..	Breaking muskrat houses ..
"	"	" ..	Ira Watson	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	R. Burch	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	Frank Goff	"	" ..
"	"	" 12 ..	Will Williams ..	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	Steve Carpenter ..	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	George Perry	"	" ..
"	"	" 13 ..	Charles Griffin ..	"	" ..
"	"	" 14 ..	S. Griffin	"	" ..
"	"	Aug. 19 ..	Chas. K. Wright ..	Gananoque ..	Illegal shooting
"	"	" ..	David Barr	"	" ..
"	"	Oct. 18 ..	Valentine Shaw ..	Marble Rock ..	" ..
"	"	" ..	Haley Watson	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	Steve Carpenter ..	"	" ..
"	"	Nov. 5 ..	Thomas Glover ..	Gananoque ..	Sunday shooting
"	"	" ..	Will Belfiers	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	Ben. Longal	"	" ..
"	"	" ..	Frank Latmer	"	" ..

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District or County.	Name of Prosecutor.	Date.	Name of Offender.	Address.	Offense charged.
		1893.			
Leeds	Robert Murchie ..	Nov. 12 ..	Charles Howes ..	Ivy Lea	Sunday shooting
"	"	"	Robert Cranker ..	"	"
"	A. E. Sliter	Nov. 29 ..	J. Moulton	Seeley's Bay ..	Illegal netting
"	"	" 29 ..	Jas Seabrook ..	"	"
"	"	" 29 ..	W. H. Ralph	"	"
"	Justus B. Smith ..	"	"	"	"
"	Lester Sly	June 15 ..	C. Randolph	Elgin	Illegal fishing
"	"	"	McAtchen	Morton	Illegal shooting
Lennox	H. W. Huff	Sept. 1 ..	John Dingman ..	Sillsville	"
"	"	" 2 ..	Jas. Walerbring ..	Deseronto	Sunday hunting
"	"	" 2 ..	"	"	Illegal shooting
"	"	" 2 ..	Duncan Reeve ..	"	"
"	"	" 2 ..	"	"	Sunday shooting
"	"	" 11 ..	George Sharpe ..	Sillsville	Illegal shooting
"	"	" 11 ..	Luther Sharpe ..	"	"
"	"	Nov. 2 ..	Thomas Lafman ..	Gretna	"
Muskoka	Peter M. Shannon ..	" 22 ..	John I. Barnes ..	Joseph's Lake ..	Sunday shooting
"	"	" 29 ..	Frank Marlett ..	Oshawa	"
"	"	" 29 ..	Campbell	Whithy	"
"	"	" 29 ..	Thos. Southwell ..	"	"
"	"	" 29 ..	William Gold	"	"
"	"	" 15 ..	David Shepard ..	Toronto	Illegal hunting
"	E. J. Gouldie	" 6 ..	"	"	"
Muskoka	C. N. Chapman	Jan. 18 ..	"	"	"
Nipissing	Donald McNab	March	Peter Bartron ..	Chisholm Tp. ..	Illegal shooting
Ontario	James Sutliff	Feb. 26 ..	Thos. Raines	Port Perry	Illegal hunting
"	"	" 18 ..	Rich. Raines	"	Break'g into muskrat hous's
Parry Sound ..	J. A. Johnson	"	"	"	"
"	T. B. Ward	May	"	"	"
Peel	Jno. Rayburn	June 27 ..	John Gibson	Caledon	Illegal fishing
"	"	" 27 ..	Henry Gibson ..	"	"
Simcoe	A. W. Beardsley ..	May 30 ..	George Barwis ..	Shanty Bay ..	"
"	"	June 2 ..	Wm. Sibbald	Painiswick	"
"	David Somerville ..	Jan. 25 ..	Daniel Boyer	Stayner	"
Victoria	J. A. Ellis	Oct. 20 ..	Geo. Shelden	Coboconk	Illegal hunting
"	"	" 20 ..	Sam. Shelden	"	"
"	"	" 20 ..	Henry Ridner	Fenelon Falls ..	"
York	Jas. Kennedy	Dec. 30 ..	Thos. Cleghorn ..	Toronto	Expos'g ducks & prairie fw
"	"	" 23 ..	Mrs. R. D. Gallagher ..	"	"
"	"	Jan. 6 ..	Jno. Miller	"	"
"	"	" 6 ..	Alfred Jennings ..	"	Exposing hares
"	"	Dec. 30 ..	Walter Langdon ..	"	"
"	"	Jan. 6 ..	Jno. Hawley	"	"

Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Case.	Nets, traps or illegal ap- pliances seized during season 1893.
Summoned..	Gananoque...	P. Haslett.....	Fined \$5 and costs.	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	Morton	E. C. Sliter	" 10 "	
"	"	"	" 10 "	
"	"	"	" 10 "	
Paid \$5 fine	without trial.			Seized several traps.
Paid \$5 fine	without trial.			
Summoned..	Napanee	James Daly	Fined \$5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5	
"	Port Carling ..	Peter Shannon.....	" 5 and costs.	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 2 nets.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 800 feet of net and destroyed 1 trap.
Summoned..	Powassan	J. C. Scarlet	Fined \$20 and costs	
"	Port Perry	John Nott.....	" 5	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 1 net & 32 ratskins.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 2 traps and 1 gill net.
Summoned..	Alton	Mr. White	Paid costs	Seized 80 yards net and de- stroyed it.
"	"	"	Withdrawn.	
"	Barrie	C. H. Ross.....	Fined \$25 and costs.	
"	"	"	" 10 "	
Paid \$10 wit	hout being su	mmoned.		
Summoned..	Fenelon Falls.	Jas. Deacon.....	Fined \$5 and costs.	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	Toronto	Geo. T. Dennison..	" 10 "	
"	"	"	" 10 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	
"	"	"	" 5 "	

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REPORT OF THE ONTARIO GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS.

DUNNVILLE, 31st Dec., 1894.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario :

SIR,—Your Commissioners beg herewith to present their third annual report. Annexed to it will be found the reports of the Wardens, together with other tables and matter which will be found self-explanatory.

In presenting their report your Commissioners are pleased to say that undoubted good continues to result from the establishment of the Commission, as evidenced not only by the increase of game throughout the province but by the respect with which the Game and Fishery Laws are treated by the community at large.

Your Commissioners feel warranted in saying that the wanton slaughter of game and fish has for the most part ceased, although in saying this they do not pretend of course that the Game Laws are never violated, for owing to the enormous extent of area which has to be watched, as well as to the fact that the law applying to settlers and Indians permits game to be taken at all seasons, complaints will always be forthcoming, and it may always be a difficult matter to convince the sceptical that the laws are being properly and vigorously enforced.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. J. H. Willmot, from the Board of Commissioners last year, a vacancy was created which has so far not been filled, and in as much as this leaves the Board incomplete, your Commissioners trust that a new appointment will be made at an early date.

WARDENS.

Your Commissioners have much pleasure in testifying to the continued good work done by the Wardens. These officers have been most active and zealous, and have performed their duties with great care and tact throughout the year. As pointed out in previous years, however, it must be remembered that the area which the wardens have to cover is so vast in its extent that much of it remains unvisited.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that at least two more Wardens should be appointed this year, and are also of opinion that the salaries of Warden Smith and Warden Willmott, upon whom falls the bulk of the work should be increased without delay.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

There are still 445 Deputy Wardens on the roll, but as pointed out in last year's report many of these officers appear to pay no attention whatever to the work expected of them and but few of them ever correspond with the Board or follow up complaints made to them. It must be said in behalf of these officers, however, that they are not paid by salary and receive no remuneration except what they are entitled to in the shape of half the fines accruing from convictions where they are themselves the informants. Under these circumstances your Commissioners find that the Deputy Wardens will not act unless they are sure of securing convictions, and it follows that many offenders who ought to be prosecuted and who would in all likelihood be convicted if tried, are allowed to go free.

Your Commissioners again strongly recommend that the list of Deputy Wardens should be carefully revised and that the Wardens be allowed to pick out one or two good men in each of the counties in their divisions who would report promptly upon all cases brought under their notice. If after careful investigation the Wardens were of opinion that the cases were good ones prosecution might then be entered upon, and in case of failure, the Deputies, who had acted in good faith, could be properly relieved from the responsibility of having to defray the costs consequent upon lost cases.

Your Commissioners are unanimously of the opinion that it would be better in every way to have a few active and intelligent Deputies working under such a system as this, than to have a force nominally strong, but for the most part useless to all intents and purposes.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

There can be no doubt that the enforcement of the Game Laws for the past three years has had the effect of increasing game in the province. Much attention has been paid by sportsmen throughout the country to the matter of restocking, and partridge, quail and duck have been unusually abundant. The increase of partridge is almost entirely owing to the observance of the law which prohibits the sale of this bird, and your Commissioners may be permitted to express unanimously the hope that this section of the Act may not be tampered with or amended, although no doubt pressure will be brought upon the Government by senseless epicures and merciless pothunters who care nothing for the preservation of game so long as their own selfish desires can be gratified.

DEER.

Your Commissioners have to report that deer have been abundant during the past season and the influx of hunters greater than ever. There can be no doubt however that the present open season is not only too long but that it begins too early, and as each hunter is only allowed to kill two deer, two weeks should be quite long enough for the open season, and a return should be made to the first two weeks of November as the open season. An enormous quantity of meat was spoiled and wasted last season owing to the early period at which the shooting season commenced, and added to this there can be no excuse for allowing hounds to run for twenty-five days as the present law provides for. Your Commissioners are unfortunately still divided in opinion on the hound question, but if the season is shortened as now recommended to the first two weeks in November which was found to answer admirably in 1893, the harm done by hounding will certainly be minimized. Your Commissioners have had many complaints regarding the unreasonable slaughter of game by Indians, but find it almost impossible to bring home to these people the proof of their evil doing, or to punish them by reason of the special privileges which they enjoy as wards of the Crown.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

Your Commissioners have to report that since the issue of permits to take insectivorous birds and their eggs for scientific purposes has been intrusted to the Chief Warden the number has been greatly reduced. The issue is now limited strictly to *bona fide* scientists, and Mr. William Brodie, president of the Ontario Biological Society has been kind enough to pass upon all applications. Upon

his recommendation the permits are now given out, and as a result boys, taxidermists, and other persons who have hitherto abused and made improper use of the privilege granted them are precluded from getting the permits which have been too freely given out in the past.

FISHERIES.

Your Commissioners regret that the dispute in the matter of the fisheries existing between the Ontario and the Dominion Governments still remains unsettled. Your Commissioners cannot too strongly urge that immediate steps should be taken so as to arrive at a settlement as to the question of jurisdiction. Until this is done your Commissioners are afraid to act, their hands being tied, and the country can ill afford the loss she is suffering at present in the destruction of fish. Beside all this the work of restocking depleted waters is in abeyance until this matter is settled.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

Your Commissioners have to report that 60 shooting licenses have been issued to foreign sportsmen during the year as against 70 in 1893.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

Your Commissioners are still of the opinion that in view of the scarcity of many of the game animals which were at one time abundant in the province a collection should be made without delay. A room might be found for such a collection in the Parliament Buildings, and many specimens would undoubtedly be contributed by interested persons outside the Commission.

CHIEF WARDEN.

Your Commissioners regret exceedingly that the Government has thought it necessary to ask for the resignation of Mr. A. D. Stewart, who has filled the position of Chief Warden since the inception of the work of the Commission, and desire to take this opportunity of expressing their unqualified satisfaction at the manner in which he has discharged his public duties. To his executive ability is due, in a great measure, the organization of the work of the Commission and he leaves the service with the best wishes of this Board.

It will be necessary of course to fill Mr. Stewart's position without delay and your Commissioners beg to recommend that Mr. H. K. Smith, Warden in charge of the eastern portion of the province be appointed as Mr. Stewart's successor. Mr. Smith is a man of considerable executive ability, is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the Game and Fishery Acts and can be depended upon for careful, intelligent and conscientious work.

FOXES.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that a bounty of 50 cents per head should be paid for foxes destroyed in the province. These vermin are very destructive not only to game birds but also to domestic fowls and insectivorous birds, and their extermination would be a distinct benefit to the agriculturist and fruit grower.

FOREIGN SPORTSMEN.

Your Commissioners recommend that in future foreign sportsmen who have paid for and taken out shooting licenses should be allowed to take out of the province with them the two deer which the law allows them to kill. This appears to your Commissioners to be a fair proposition and if carried into effect it would no doubt result in a largely increased revenue from the sale of shooting licenses.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

Your Commissioners recommend that the Deputy Wardens be made constables under the Act so as to allow them to serve their own summonses, subpoenas, and other court papers without having to resort to the expense of employing county constables and thereby increasing the amount of their liability in cases which result in failure.

GENERAL SHOOTING.

Your Commissioners recommend that sub. sec. 2 of sec. 4 of the Game Act be amended by taking out the words "half an hour" in the second and third lines thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. A. McCALLUM,
Chairman Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

REPORT OF CHIEF WARDEN.

HAMILTON, December, 1894.

G. A. MCCALLUM, Esq., M.D.,
Chairman of Game and Fish Commission.

SIR,—I beg to submit a summary of the work of the Department for the season of 1894.

I can safely say that the Game Laws have been well enforced during the year, and no complaint has reached me which has not been promptly followed up and dealt with. The amount of correspondence which has poured in upon me during the year has been as large as ever and shows how deep an interest is taken throughout the Province in matters connected with the Game and Fish Commission.

Attached to this report will be found the usual tables and reports which I trust will be found interesting and useful.

WARDENS.

I am glad to be able to say that the duties of the four Wardens have been performed during the season in a most satisfactory manner, and I take this opportunity of thanking these gentlemen for the valuable assistance which they have rendered me. The province still continues to be mapped out into five districts one of which I have endeavored to attend to myself whilst the Wardens looked after the other four. This system has, after a year's trial, been found to work well except for the fact that the districts are so large in area as to render it quite impossible for one man to satisfactorily oversee them. The real remedy for this would be to appoint two more Wardens so that the districts can be redivided and the money spent for the salaries of the two additional officers would be well spent.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

As against 413 deputies who held office last year there are 445 now on the rolls. I again beg to point out that the system under which these Officers are appointed is not satisfactory. For reasons which are obvious and which I have pointed out more than once in my previous reports, no Deputy Warden can be expected to do his duty fully and zealously whilst the fear is ever hanging over his head that he may be mulcted in costs owing to the prosecution of the cases which he may enter upon in good faith and which may appear to him to warrant prosecution. As a matter of fact whilst a large paper force of Deputies exists, but few of these officers attempt to do any work, and as long as the present system continues, no improvement can be expected, nor will the laws ever be as fully and efficiently enforced as they should be. I have again to recommend that the list of Deputy Wardens be revised, and that the Wardens in charge of the various official districts be empowered to appoint one or two reliable Deputies in each county whose expenses should be paid in the event of failure to convict in cases which may be taken into court. When such a system as this is entered upon, good and intelligent work may be expected, but under the present method the work will always be spasmodic, and can never possibly be satisfactory.

GAME LAWS.

Referring to the Game Laws I am satisfied that they continue to be popular and that they receive the general support of all right thinking people throughout the province. As a result of their enforcement, game of all sorts has been more plentiful and the Commissioners can congratulate themselves on the present state of affairs.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

The severity of last winter killed off many of the quail, but thanks to the work of restocking which has been carried on with no unsparing hand this valuable game bird is still to be found in considerable numbers. Partridge has been plentiful and the same can be said of ducks, geese, and swan. The supply of deer keeps about the same as in former years but there is no doubt that a very grave mistake has been made in allowing the open season to commence so early and last so long. Large quantities of venison were destroyed during the past season owing to the warm weather and I very strongly recommend a return forthwith to the season set by the Government in 1892, viz. from 1st to 15th November, both days inclusive. I have had many complaints during the year regarding the killing of deer by Indians, but as long as these people are Government wards and live in such remote districts as to render detection impossible little can be done to amend the present state of affairs.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

I issued last year 61 permits to take insectivorous birds and their eggs for scientific purposes. In no case was any permit issued, unless the applicant was personally known to me, except upon the recommendation of some well known naturalist who could vouch for the *bona fides* of the persons applying, and I think I can safely say that the permits issued during the year have not been abused. In former years a large percentage of the permit holders was composed of boys and taxidermists and frequent complaint was made that the holders had taken advantage of their opportunities to openly violate the Game Laws. Under the present arrangement a stop has been put to this evil and only those who deserve them are allowed the privileges in question.

FISH.

I regret to say that the dispute in the matter of the fisheries which exists between the Ontario and the Dominion Governments still continues. This being the case, little or nothing has been done by our Officers to administer the Fishery Laws. Nearly three years have slipped away since the question of a test case to settle the present difficulty was spoken of, and meantime the slaughter of fish and the destruction of their ova goes steadily on and the country is imperceptibly but surely suffering. I again beg to point out that there is nothing in the Fisheries' Act to prohibit the illegal sale of fish during the close season "no matter where killed or procured" and for want of this necessary clause the law is openly violated.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

I have to report that as against 70 licenses issued in 1893 we have this year issued 60, making at \$25 each per license a total revenue of \$1,500. A list of persons to whom these licenses were issued will be found annexed to this report.

RESIGNATION OF CHIEF WARDEN.

Having been notified lately by the Provincial Secretary that the Government desired my resignation as Chief Game Warden and Secretary of the Commission I have forwarded my resignation in due course. It has been thought advisable that the office of the Chief Warden should be located in Toronto and that that Officer should give his entire time to the work of the Commission. There is much force in this contention and doubtless the work will be better overtaken under the new conditions, but I could not possibly in justice to myself, overtake to give up my whole time for the small salary heretofore paid. In retiring from the work of the Commission which I have endeavored to carry out to the best of my ability I desire to thank the Provincial Secretary and the Chairman and members of the Fish and Game Commission for their uniform courtesy and consideration. Under their direction much good work has been done and I trust that my successor in office will receive the same measure of support as has ever been accorded to me.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant.

A. D. STEWART,
Chief Warden.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., 31st December, 1894.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

DEAR SIR,—In submitting this my third annual report, I have to congratulate you and the Commissioners on the continued success attending the efforts which have been made for the protection of the game and fur-bearing animals of the province.

It is asserted on all hands that deer have been numerous in nearly all the localities usually frequented by them and the assertion seems to be warranted, when we consider the large number that have been taken during the late hunting season.

It is a matter of regret, however, that large quantities of the venison was rendered unfit for food on account of its having been killed in the early season, when the weather was too warm; sportsman are to be censured for continuing the killing, knowing that it was impossible to save the meat, and to prevent a recurrence of this, I consider it imperative that a change be made in the open season, and strongly recommend that the hunting season should not open until the first of November. The first fifteen days of November will be found (taking one year with another) as nearly right as it is possible to make it.

I have now to direct your attention to a matter upon which I have greatly changed my opinion of late, that is the hounding of deer. As you are aware I have always favored the use of hounds, but I have to confess that unless some restrictions can be placed on the number that may be taken into the woods, it would be better to prohibit hounding altogether. As many of the hunting parties take in packs of hounds, numbering from twelve to fifteen, and run three and four chases at the same time, it will be readily seen that sportsmen are carrying this to extremes, which must lead to the suppression of the hounds in the end.

Ducks have been quite numerous, and those who follow this branch of sport were fairly successful, but the means used by many of the duck hunters are very questionable and deserve serious consideration. I allude particularly to the pursuit of fall ducks with floating blinds, sunken punts, batteries, monitors and masked boats of various kinds. These are known by different names in different localities, and as no authoritative description or definition of them can be had, it is impossible to obtain a conviction against the parties using them, and I have to recommend therefore that the law be amended so that hunters will be compelled to build their blinds on points of islands, shore or in rush beds. If this were the law, the use of all these doubtful contrivances would be illegal and every hunter would then be on an equality, and the slaughter of the ducks in open water by means of these illegal devices could then be successfully prosecuted. On the whole the law has been generally well observed, with the exception, perhaps, of a few cases of spring shooting in a certain locality, where I obtained a number of convictions, which will effectually put a stop to it in the future.

With regard to shooting for the half hour before sunrise and after sunset, the clause permitting this, especially after sunset is a source of trouble; hunters take advantage of this and shoot until dark and sometimes well into the night, and as after dark it is impossible to identify them, the law in this respect cannot be enforced. A return to the Act of 1892, which permitted shooting between sunrise and sunset only, would, in my opinion, be a move in the right direction.

The law regarding the sale of partridge is still giving general satisfaction and there is no doubt these birds are steadily increasing in numbers.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction the Game Laws are giving to the general public, violations are of frequent occurrence and as a certain class of offenders become more adept at evading the law, convictions are more difficult to obtain than formerly, and the result is, that now the Warden has generally to take charge of the cases and assume the responsibility of the prosecution, necessitating, as a matter of course, largely increased travelling expenses.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

H. K. SMITH,
Warden.

BEAUMARIS, 31st Dec., 1894.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report in connection with the Game and Fish for the section over which I have the supervision as Warden.

Deer and Moose.

Deer have been plentiful in most places frequented by hunters this fall and it is most gratifying to hear, with very few exceptions, that they have greatly increased in numbers during the past few years. There is no doubt the new Game Laws have caused this increase. Moose are also reported on the increase. I may mention that recently I passed through a portion of the Parry Sound district, and in one place for ten or fifteen miles, the road and bush on each side were literally padded down with deer tracks; also with occasional moose tracks. The slaughter of deer this fall by hunters has been terrific, and I think that in the future it will be necessary to put some parties under oath as to the number killed by them, as in many cases the entire lawful number are taken out by a party, and it stands to reason that more have been killed for use in camp.

Owing to the very mild weather which prevailed at the commencement of the hunting season, hundreds of carcasses of deer went bad; this was also the case in 1893. I would therefore strongly urge that the open season be put back to that of 1892, *i.e.*, from 1st to 15th of November, and allow hounds to run part of the season only.

The settlers as a rule are up in arms against so many hounds being brought into the country. In some cases I have known of from ten to fourteen dogs having been brought in by one party. I would therefore recommend a limitation of hounds—say to four for any one party.

As the close season for Moose expires this year, it will be most necessary to use means to prevent their slaughter in numbers next season. I would recommend that no person be allowed to kill more than one, and if practicable, prohibit the slaughter of cows.

Partridges.

Partridges are plentiful in the northern portions of the province, but do not appear to be increasing as rapidly as we would wish in the older settled portions of the country.

Wolves.

Wolves are numerous in certain localities. I have seen several hunters who intend going in for the poisoning of these pests. There is no doubt that one wolf does more slaughter among the deer in one year than many hunters combined.

Deputy Wardens.

I am glad to say that we have some good Deputies on our lists, but the majority do not seem to take any interest in the performance of the duties for which they were appointed.

Fishery Laws.

The Fishery laws are fairly observed, but to gain a satisfactory end it would be highly advantageous to have the question of jurisdiction at present at issue, between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, settled. Many nets have been confiscated and several prosecutions for infractions have taken place.

The public as a rule seem totally ignorant of some of the amendments to the Game Act, which have been made since 1892. I would therefore strongly urge that the "posters" which were sent to the post offices, railway stations, etc., in 1892 be recalled, or their destruction ordered, as they are in many instances most misleading, and new ones, embracing the law as it now stands, issued to take their place; as an instance, I have come across several parties with rat skins who were totally ignorant of the change of the close season and who under the circumstances it would have been a gross injustice to prosecute. It is also most necessary that the Deputy Wardens be provided with copies of the Act as it now stands, and the Wardens should have on hand a number of spare copies for distribution, as there are numerous applications for them.

During the hunting season I arranged with Robert Rush, Sault Ste Marie; John I. Little, Iron Bridge, Algoma; A. J. Greer, Parry Sound; W. Foreman, Port Carling; to act as special patrols, with results highly satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. WILLMOTT,
Warden.

LEAMINGTON, Dec. 31st, 1894.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
 Chief Warden,
 Hamilton.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report for the year 1894. I continue to hold the Wardenship over some very important counties, and oversee a very difficult district, on account of International lines between Canada and the United States from Amherstburg to Sarnia, commencing at the mouth of Lake Erie to the mouth of Lake Huron.

My presence is required at least two-thirds of a year in order to enforce the laws, and satisfy the different clubs along the lines. As letters of complaint are of a frequent occurrence, it may not come amiss to draw your kind attention to my report of 1892, regards protecting the frontiers, and how to prevent the evil of poaching.

Deer of the Western District.

I sent you some time ago a newspaper clipping taken from *The Windsor Record*, regarding unlawful deer hunting, between Camp Palmer and Colchester South, county of Essex. I received also a great deal of information from sportsmen and citizens who want the Game Laws enforced in regard to deer. After a careful investigation I must confess that things are worse than I have seen them in print. I have secured the name of some of the violaters for the year of 1893, but, of course, the time is past in which to prosecute them, and also the names of those whose intention it is to kill deer as soon as snow comes. Two of these men killed from nine to eleven deer out of season last year, and boast of it. Some of these proachers are well-to-do farmers and live in the vicinity of the deer grounds. I shall take every precaution and do my best to stop this slaughter and bring the violaters to justice. The Deputy Warden, Anthony Banks, of Harrow, has been notified and is acquainted with all the facts as he took a trip with me throughout the township of Colchester, and will give it his strict attention, and I shall do all I can to assist him myself.

The people of the western district, comprising Lambton, Essex and Kent, are nearly all of one mind as to prohibiting the hounding of deer, and desire that no more be killed for at least five years, as our woods are not large enough to afford protection against hounds, and strong efforts will be made to that effect at the meeting of next Parliament. From the best sources of information, I fancy there still remain from fifteen to twenty deer within the borders of Essex county, and but for the vigilance of Mr. Walker and his caretaker there would be no deer to protect.

Swan and Geese.

That the Game and Fish Laws are doing good in spite of the poaching can be seen in many localities. I do not think that there is a better place for geese and swan shooting in spring than between the St. Clair Flats and Mitchell's Bay, Last spring I had the pleasure of proving it to my own satisfaction; geese and swan could be seen by hundreds on the Canada side of the marsh, and apparently quite tame, as a good marksman with a rifle could easily obtain some of them from the steamboat that I was sailing on, and strange to say on the American side of the marsh no birds could be seen although they have good feeding grounds. The reason given by Americans is that our laws are better and our Game Wardens attend to their duties, and that the American Wardens along the frontier seldom visit their district unless sent for, but stay at home and are excellent men to draw their salaries.

Wild Turkey in Kent County.

I have referred in my former reports, to the sportsmen of Kent county, whose example is worthy of emulation by true sportsmen for the way they protect their game. Their influence has borne good fruit, as the wild turkey is on the increase—two large flocks are staying between the Windfall and Romney Ridge and are well looked after by the citizens of that locality, who are friendly to our present Game Laws; no complaints have been made this year from that part of the district.

Wild Duck.

I have not visited Rondeau this year as you have appointed Mr. Gardiner to look after it and from all accounts he has done his duty well. The harm done to duck shooting in many places is well known to you and is only a repetition of last year. The electric yacht, steam yacht, and shooting by moonlight goes on and it is impossible to enforce the laws on the water as they ought to be, without a suitable craft and you must bear with me if complaints are received against me until this is remedied. I have talked with the members of the Anderdon Gun Club, Canada Marsh (who are Americans) regarding the damage done to duck shooting by these boats and I cannot do better, than give you the opinion expressed by one of the best law abiding citizens, Thos. Beath, of Detroit, member of the Anderdon Club.

Punting for Ducks' Eggs.

"There is another thing that should be stopped, and stopped right off," said Joe Bowers, who lives at the head of Lake St. Clair to Game Warden Campbell the other day. That is the pilfering of the nests of the ducks in the marshes. Every morning just about daylight you will see men, women and boys going into the marshes around here hunting for duck's eggs. Barrel after barrel of these eggs are shipped to Detroit and other ports from this locality. Now, these eggs represent just so many ducks and I think that their sale should be prohibited for at least ten years, to give the ducks a chance to propagate and increase in number."

This plea is shared in by all true lovers of the sport of legitimate duck hunting.

"I tell you what," said Tom Beath, one of the directors of the Anderdon Shooting Club on the Canada side, "ducks are cunning birds." While mallards and wood duck still continue to inhabit the marsh feeding grounds, red heads, the most valuable species of the duck family, go out into the middle ground of the river or shallow spots in the lakes where they can have a full view of all their surroundings.

Not Afraid of the Shipping.

These birds have become familiar with the noise and bustle of the regular shipping, and hardly ever fly at the approach of propellers or steamers. The owners of small, fast steam yachts know this, and as their crafts draw but a few feet of water, they sneak up on the red heads. Then putting on a full head of steam they rush down upon them. Before the ducks have time to rise and shake themselves the yacht is upon them. Then a regular fusillade is poured into the unsuspecting water fowl. Those uninjured make for the lake, but are remorselessly pursued by the steam bloodhounds far into the open water. This kind of thing, said Mr. Beath, "has caused the red heads to become scarcer and scarcer every year, and those that do come down from the north never stay more than

two or three days until they are driven from our lakes and rivers to Chesapeake Bay and the Virginia feeding grounds. Before the introduction of these murderous devices, red heads were plentiful for a month, and the old-time sportsmen could go out in the morning and come home at night with a well-filled bag and full of vigor after a healthful, legitimate day's sport. But now continued Tom, with a sigh, "I have known good shots and men who used to pride themselves on their knowledge of hunting to put in a whole day in the marshes or on the river and lake, and come home with nothing but a hungry and disgusted look."

Spring Shooting.

"Spring shooting is murder in its worst form," said Walter Schweikart, who is a noted sportsman, and is known by almost every hunter on the chain of lakes. "I will explain," said he. "You see in the spring the female duck lays her eggs. Well, every female bird killed or injured means just so many less ducks the coming fall season. If the Legislature will only abolish spring shooting for five years the ducks would multiply in such numbers as to provide enough to supply the markets of the country for a generation. That is, you know, if they will only carry out the law against the slaughtering machines." The genial captain smiled at his own suggestion.

The sentiments of the well-known sportsmen given above are really the sentiments of at least nine-tenths of the old gunners of the State, and as their opinions are logical, no fair-minded man can wish them anything but success in their efforts to preserve the game of the Wolverine State.

(Sgd.) THOMAS BEATH.

Deputy Game Wardens.

The opinion given by you as Chief Game Warden, that each Warden should at least appoint some of the Deputies in his districts must meet with approval as each Warden is apt to find out the fitness of the man who is applicant for the position in general. I have been very fortunate with my Deputies at least with those I have come in contact and believe that they to do the best they can under present circumstances.

Quail in Essex County.

Before closing my report, I should, at least, mention to you the credit that is due to the members of the "Leamington Gun Club" for their enterprise in helping to propagate our game birds. Last spring they imported from seventeen to nineteen dozen quail from the State of Kansas at the expense of seventy-five dollars which were successfully distributed through the township of Mersea (Essex Co.) under the management of Capt. Conover and Mr. H. Milkins, of Leamington. All these birds arrived in good condition, excepting eight which died from the long journey, and more will be imported this spring as soon as the weather is favorable, so they may do for themselves, without danger of starving.

It is generally admitted that quail are increasing in some parts where there is plenty of cover as the farmers generally protect the birds and feed them in winter. Owing to the loss sustained two winters ago almost all our quail perished from severe weather and many a bevy of dead birds was discovered after the snow drifts disappeared, but the lookout this winter is very promising. I saw with my own eyes a few weeks ago three large bevy of quail in the south woods, along the border of Pelee marsh and Hillman creek. These are well cared for and looked after by our Deputy Game Warden, Mr. Jonas Hillman, and as foxes are becoming more scarce in the marsh I hope for plenty of quail next season.

Fishery Question.

It is to be hoped that the Supreme Court will soon decide, and settle the much talked of question, regarding the rights of Ontario to control the inland fisheries, and that it will be satisfactory for all time to come, as the present situation is very embarrassing for local officers, as all prosecution must be made under the Dominion Fisheries Laws, and disputes cannot be avoided where there are two sets of officers looking after the same interest. I am informed by Mr. Parker, of the "Sandwich Fish Hatchery," that whitefish are on the increase in the Detroit river, and that he had secured all spawn required for the hatchery in a few weeks, long before any ice was in the river.

I hope that the day is not far distant that our Fishery Laws will be changed according to the laws of natural circumstance and that the fisherman will reap the benefit of his labor.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. C. QUALLINS,
Warden.

December 31st, 1894.

A. D. STEWART, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—I beg to submit my third annual report for the year 1894.

The observance of the Game Laws, in this district, has been very satisfactory; all kinds of small game being undoubtedly on the increase. An unusually large number of ducks have remained on the breeding grounds, many broods of young being the result. Plover were also very numerous during the season.

The Grand river is fast becoming a popular summer resort for sportsmen, who enjoy fishing and shooting.

Acting upon instructions received from you, I carefully investigated the complaints sent in to you from Bradford, Long Point, Turkey Point and Oakville, the result of which I reported to you in detail at the time.

The great drawback that I find in prosecuting cases reported to me from a distance, is the neglect of the complainants to secure direct and conclusive evidence, but the fact that such cases are investigated creates a good impression, and shows that the interests of the Game Act are being looked after. The American poaching from steam yachts and small tugs still continues to be very troublesome along Lake Erie and the Niagara river in my district. Complaints have frequently been made to me by prominent citizens and Deputy Wardens; several Justices of the Peace have also asked me if we could not stop the practice; and some of them have made complaints to you on the matter as you are aware.

We have had several breaches of the Act here in respect to the trapping of fur animals out of season, and when summoned to answer the charge the defendants invariably pleaded ignorance of the law, and thus tried to create sympathy by contending that I should have posted bills in every school section notifying the public of every change in the Game Laws. The real facts showed the folly of this contention, for as your Honor, who disposed of the cases knows, the furs when produced in your court were already cured and thoroughly dried, thus proving that they had all been trapped in September and October, which months are within the close season of both the old laws and the revised Act; and while it may be well that you imposed only nominal fines, the real facts would have warranted more severe sentences in all but one or two of the cases.

The work done by me during the year remains very similar to that already reported to you in my former reports, and need not, I think, be again repeated here in detail.

On the 15th October I received a letter from you ordering me to proceed to Muskoka and meet Warden Willmott at Beaumaris, and arrange with him as to the best method of enforcing the Game Laws during the shooting season for deer in his district. I at once did so, meeting Mr. Willmott at Beaumaris on October 18th.

We arranged together that I should interview as many of the hunting parties as possible north of Muskoka lake to a point extending from Huntsville to Trout river twenty miles north of Dorset, including a chain of lakes, along which many hunting parties were daily arriving. These parties I found upon strict inquiry, consisted entirely of Canadian sportsmen, excepting one man, in a party east of Point lake, and he held a license.

The number of hunters along this route numbered about 79 men and 23 dogs.

Two other parties I could not reach through lack of a boat, but I ascertained that there were about 20 men and 6 or 8 dogs.

When I returned to Huntsville I could not hear of any foreigners having come in for the purpose of hunting; so I proceeded north to Emsdale, in the vicinity of which several parties were camping, but found that they were all Canadians from different points in Ontario.

I also visited several other points south of Lake Nipissing along the Magnetawan river to Seguin, but found only Canadians accompanied by hosts of dogs. From Seguin to Rosseau I saw two hunting parties from Toronto; found all right.

Saw a white deer which had been captured on the head of Lake Rosseau by a resident and his sons, but which he would not sell at any reasonable price. There were a great many hunting parties operating around here, but I could find nothing wrong. I returned by Lake Rosseau and Lake Joseph to Beaumaris, and there meeting Mr. Willmott we took a skiff and rowed across the lake to Bala, where four or five hunting parties came for supplies, but finding all right we proceeded down the Muskoka river to a point where we portaged across to the Moon river. Rowing about nine miles down we came to the camp of an American hunter who held a license and who kindly invited us to partake of a portion of his venison and other good things, and allowed us to share his tent and blankets with him during the night.

This gentleman had shot two deer, and his guide one, and they were trying to capture a bear. This done he would strike for his home in Ohio satisfied that he had got more than twenty-five dollars' worth of sport out of his license. Next morning after breakfast, it being the Lord's day we were invited to be seated while our host read a chapter from the Bible, concluding with a short religious service from his prayer book. We then prepared to depart, bidding our host a friendly adieu.

We also inspected a camp of hunters from Niagara, which we were informed contained two foreigners, but as we could not decide the matter at the time, I, on my return, caused further enquiries to be made at Niagara, and ascertained that they were Canadians.

There were a great many hunters in the southern portions of Muskoka and Parry Sound, who were all being looked after by Warden Willmott and his deputies.

We could not find any foreigners without license, nor any that had taken more than two deer, the majority not getting more than one, and some none at all.

I should judge that there must have been fully eight hundred persons shooting deer in Muskoka this fall with at least three hundred dogs brought by persons coming from other parts of Ontario, and supplemented by one hundred and fifty more owned and used by the residents of Muskoka at this season.

I think the number of both men and dogs here given, quite below the mark. I think the number should be confined to one dog for each hunter or party of hunters, or better still, entirely prohibited.

The open season should also be changed to a later date if possible, the weather in October being generally too warm to allow of the deer being kept fresh long enough to get them to the shipping points.

Fully two-thirds of all the deer shot that I saw had become more or less tainted or spoiled. In fact many carcasses were left in the camps or thrown away, whilst others were buried or burned on the camp fire. I would recommend that the open season be shortened to ten days.

Some radical change is necessary if this beautiful game is to be preserved. The number of hunters of all kinds is very rapidly increasing each year; all reports in the game district bear out this fact.

Whilst in Muskoka I noticed grouse in abundance and many of the fur-bearing animals. Hares were plentiful, but ducks rather scarce.

On my return home I found the train crowded with returning sportsmen, including dogs and catch of game. The stench arising from the carcasses was almost unbearable. I talked with all the parties on the train and counted the deer claimed by each, and found all well.

I also easily saw the reason why the foreign poacher has little chance to succeed in Muskoka: added to twenty-five dollars' license, is the jealousy manifested by the majority of the people for the success of the Game Laws and the preservation of their beautiful hunting facilities as long as possible, which this district undoubtedly possesses.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. A. GILL,
Warden.

SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1894.

George H. Lotarop	Detroit, Mich.
James G. Averell	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
James W. Collins	Alleghany, Pa.
James W. Grove	" "
James McAfie	" "
Samuel H. McAfie	" "
Ulysses Baird	" "
Chas. M. Voight	" "
Alex. M. Voight	" "
J. J. M. Davidson	" "
D. W. McMaughner	" "
John S. McIntosh	" "
John H. Grove	" "
P. J. McCance	" "
James Graham	" "
W. J. Riggs	" "
D. H. McMillian	Buffalo, N. Y.
Walter Lauder	New York, N. Y.
Arthur Milinowski	Buffalo, N. Y.
Samuel C. Gill	Steubenville, N. Y.
Henry Griffin	New York, N. Y.
C. J. Hudson	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
L. D. Smalley	Boston, Mass.
J. L. Rhoades	Lockport, N. Y.
Albert Douglas	Chelicotte, Ohio.
W. H. Nichols	New York, N. Y.
Howell Osborne	New York, N. Y.
G. N. Smalley	Boston, Mass.
James B. McKay	Detroit, Mich.
C. B. Hubbard	Detroit, Mich.
Donald McLean	Detroit, Mich.
Gus Bumleur	Wyandotte, Mich.
John Parker	Detroit, Mich.
Samuel Baugh	Detroit, Mich.
E. H. Nelson	Detroit, Mich.
Augustus Heminway	Boston, Mass.
Arthur Cabot	Boston, Mass.
Henry Sampson	New York, N. Y.
C. Higley	Cleveland, Ohio.
John Stanley	Cleveland, Ohio.
H. R. Sweney	Albany, N. Y.
J. S. Thompson	Tonawanda, N. Y.
Wm. Gombert	Tonawanda, N. Y.
J. H. Clarke	Halifax, N. S.
W. B. Dickerman	New York, N. Y.
G. H. Richards	Boston, Mass.
Lawrence Curtis	Boston, Mass.
George N. Williams, jr.	New York, N. Y.
Horatio Hathaway	New Bedford, Mass.

W. G. Dominick	New York, N. Y.
F. H. Walker	Detroit, Mich.
John T. Lord	London, Eng.
Jay C. Smith	New York, N. Y.
A. E. Brush	Detroit, Mich.
George Holden	New York, N. Y.
Joseph Bedore	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
Mariner M. Staunton	Detroit, Mich.
Thomas Beath	Detroit, Mich.
William P. Hutchins	Detroit, Mich.
Payson Hutchins	Detroit, Mich.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES, 1894.

Algoma.

Anderson, Alexander	Pearl River, C. P. R.
Brown, Frank	Port Arthur.
Bole, Duncan	Sault Ste. Marie.
Black, Andrew	Richard Landing.
Cosgrove, Geo. (care of Hugh Munro)	Port Arthur.
Emmons, John	Rat Portage.
Fraser, D	"
Geddes, Thos. R	Jack Fish Bay.
Gilmour, Wm	Sault Ste. Marie.
Gardiner, J	Rat Portage.
Harris, John	Sault Ste. Marie.
Higgins, Wm	Thessalon.
Little, J. T.	Iron Bridge.
McKewen, S. R.	Tehkummah.
McKirdy, William	Nepigon.
Piche, John	Sudbury.
Patterson, M. J	Webbwood.
Riley, Edward	Port Arthur.
Rush, Robert	Sault Ste. Marie.
Reid, W. D.	Thompson.
Smith, Alfred Bird	Schreiber.
Whalen, Joseph	Port Arthur.
Woods, J. M	Thessalon.

Addington.

Donaldson, William J	Donaldson's Mills.
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Bruce.

Armstrong, Joseph	Kinloss.
Barley, Edward	Lion's Head.
Farquharson, John	Teeswater.
Gardiner, Jno. H	Lucknow.
Grey, Wesley	Chesley.
Henry, George	Port Elgin.
Henderson, James	Kincardine.
Heffernan, Patrick	Walkerton.
Hogg, Wm. W	Paisley.
Lawson, W. H	Park Head.
Millons, Robert	Walkerton.
Manly, David	Riversdale.
McKillop, Hugh	Hepworth.
McIvor, John	McIvor.
McFarlane, Duncan	Red Bay.
McDonald, Donald	Ripley.
Pratt, John	Kincardine.
Richards, Chas. A	Tara.
Scott, John	Dyer's Bay.

Brant.

Montgomery, C. A.....	Brantford.
McLaughlin, Geo. W	"
Irving, Robert, P	Glenmorris.
Kitchen, E. C.....	St. George.

Carleton.

Graham, R. T	South March.
St. George, George	Ottawa.

Dufferin.

Durkin, William	Bowling Green.
Gordon, James	Monticello.
Hubbard, James J	Orangeville.
Marshall, James E	Shelburne.
Rowbotham, Wm	Redickville.
Stewart, Wm.....	"

Durham.

Hales, Hugh B	Port Hope.
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Dundas.

Cameron, Lachlin	Iroquois.
Price James	Inkerman.

Elgin.

Fairbrother, Wm	St. Thomas.
Fowler, Jacob	Fingal.
Hannen, Isaac	Union.
Hopkins, John	St. Thomas.
Huffman, Jeremiah	Aylmer.
Hammond, John	"
Kirkpatrick, Donald	West Lorne.
Miller, Robert	Lawrence Station.
Neely, John R	Fingal.
Philpott, Wm. J	Iona.
Thornton, Henry	St. Thomas.

Essex.

Ontago, Daniel	Petite Cote.
Banks, Anthony	Harrow.
Britt, G	Wheatley.
Cornette, Charles F.....	Belle River.
Campbell, Duncan C	Staples.
Feller, Wolfe.....	Walkerville.
Gignac, Hillaire.....	Gordon.
Gormley, John	Essex.

Holland, Hugh	Comber.
Hillman, Jonas	Hillman.
Ives, Arthur	Leamington.
King, George	Ruthven.
Lindsay, William	Comber.
Lemaitre, Seraphrim	Tecumseth.
Masters, Allios	Sandwich.
Meloche, Joseph	"
Robert, Joseph	"
Rivard, Napoleon	Tecumseth.
Soulliere, Stephen	"
White, James H	Pelee Island.
Walker, Noe	St. Joachim.
Souchereau, Stephen	St. Clair Siding.
Mills, Charles	Wheatley.

Frontenac.

Albertson, George	Verona.
Brickwood, James H	Kingston.
Burke, Robert, jr	Clarendon Station.
Clark, Norman	Mississippi Station.
Davey, Sydney W	Murvale.
Dermott, J. A	Tichborne.
Dowker, William S	Harrowsmith.
Gilbert, Robert	Ompah.
Gates, George	Westbrook.
Greenwood, George	Wolfe Island.
Halliday, F	Mississippi Station.
Meeks, Mortimer	Bellrock.
Martin, John	Barriefield.
Pallier, Alexander	Wilmur.
Snooks, Edward H	Desert Lake.
Smith, David John	Parham.
Sly, Henry	Verona.
Tryon, Levi	Sharbot Lake.
Tallon, James	Arden.
Theobald, John M	Kingston.
Vaness, Marshall	Harlow.
Walker, Nelson	Cataraqui.
Woods, J. M	Arden.
Woodman, W. G	Allen (Wolfe Island.)
York, E. M	Bellrock.

Grey.

Campbell, Malcolm	Hanover.
Holmes, Geo. B	Walter's Falls.
Long, William	Kolapore.
Simmons, M. H	Oxenden.
Seigman, Ludwig	Neustadt.
Wilson, Wm. H	Shouldice.

Glengarry.

Clark, James	Dominionville.
Dickson, Daniel	Williamstown.
Dunn, Ambrose	South Lancaster.
McGillivray, Donald W	Dalkeith.
McNaughton, J. P.	Laggan.
McDougall, D. P	Maxville.
McRae, Donald C	North Lancaster.
Stewart, M. W	Greenfield.

Hastings.

Airhart, Geo. W	Stirling.
Adams, George	Hermon.
Barr, Peter	Maynooth.
Brinklow, Henry	Ormsby.
Birrel, James	Glanmire.
Bowell, W. J	Tweed.
Faulkner, Dr. D. W	Foxboro'.
Faulkner, Dr. G. W	Stirling.
Foster, Alexander	Egan Creek.
Mairs, James H	Bridgewater.
Reid, George	Madoc.
Rupert, Thomas	Spring Brook.
Stanyer, Thomas	Bancroft.
Speck, William	Bridgewater.
Sweet, W. H	Bancroft.
Sweet, W. James	"
Tivy, Richard S	Coe Hill.
Unwin, Walker	Bannockburn.

Halton.

Bradly, Stinson	Milton.
Brown, Robert M	Campbellville.
Crawford, Murray	"
Grant Lachlin	Georgetown.
Johnson, Walter M	Milton.
Lawson, John	Acton.
Racey, C. S.	Milton.
Saunders, Edward G	Agerton.
Wilson, James	Bronte.

Huron.

Creech, James	Exeter.
Dalton, Morgan	Kingsbridge.
Gill, John	Exeter.
Horton, George	Gorrie.
Naftal, Chas. J. S.	Goderich.
Paisley, William	Clinton.
Ross, John M	Blyth.
Sands, John	Saltford.
Seager, Charles	Goderich.
Scott, Alex.	Westfield.

Haliburton.

Day, Joseph	Essonville.
Paul, Joseph	Haliburton.
Turnbull, James	Minden.

Haldimand.

Chrysler, Robert	North Cayuga.
Everingham, William	Canfield
Farrell, John	Cayuga.
Johnson, Peter	Dunnville.
Winslow, Martin	"

Kent.

Boles, Gordon	Chatham.
Crouch, Samuel	Ridgetown.
Eberts, Frank G	Chatham.
Johnson, W. J	Fargo.
Gardiner, Isaac	Morpeth.
Kime, George	Big Point.
Monday, Frederic	Mitchell's Bay.
Merritt, Asra	Ouvry.
McCollum, Thomas	Morpeth.
Robertson, Victor	Chatham.
Southgate, R. M.	Wallaceburg.
Thomas, Joseph	Williams.

Lambton.

Blair, William	Port Lambton.
Bell, John	Port Franks.
Deans, James	Inwood.
Everest, G. M	Arkona.
Huddleston, John	Forest.
Kennedy, Joseph	Port Lambton
Miller, Frank	Port Franks.
Mott, Edwin L	Alvinston.
Taylor, J. P	Watford.

Lanark.

Deacon, Ephraim	Bolingbroke.
Farnall, William	Smith's Falls.
Mair, David	Lanark.
Kirkwood, Jas. W	Levant Station.

Leeds.

Bilton, George	Newboro'.
Gibson, John R	Mallorytown.
Lappin, J. J	Westport.
Murchie, Robert	Wilstead.
Smith, Justus	Charleston.
Sly, Lester	Morton.
Sliter, A. E.	Morton.

Lennox.

Huff, Hiram W Napanee.

Lincoln.

McPherson, James St. Ann's.
Kennedy, C. A Smithville.

Middlesex.

McCann, Peter London.
Beverley, John Dorchester Station.
Dixon, Michael Cashmere.
McConnell, Wayland F Gladstone.
O'Neill, W. H Dorchester.
Ralph, Thomas J Ballymure.
Ward, R. W London, West.
Williams, Alfred M Lobo.

Monck.

McDowell, Andrew Stromness.
Moore, Daniel Perry Station.

Muskoka.

Butler, C. F Point Kaye.
Brown, Robert D Port Sydney.
Brooks, Edgar, jr Huntsville.
Berry, William Walker's Point.
Bettes, J. H Muskoka Mills.
Broadley, Enos Beaumaris.
Chapman, Charles N Huntsville.
Crompton, W. B Aspdin.
Dart, Stephen Dorset.
Davidson, William Brackenrig.
Foreman, Walter Port Carling.
Gouldie, E. J Dwight.
Gohm, William Bracebridge.
Grenke, Gustav Rosseau.
Henderson, Charles Bracebridge.
Harborn, John Whiteside.
Hey, Joseph Bracebridge.
Kaye, Alfred Port Sydney.
Lawrence, John Shannon Hall.
McLeod, John Hammil's Point.
Paget, George Huntsville.
Smith, J. D Kilworthy.
Stephens, George Shannon Hall.
Shannon, Peter Port Carling.
Traves, Elias H Fraserburg.
Taylor, C. N Gravenhurst.
Thornton, Richard Huntsville.
Wood, Michael Cleavelands.
Warne, Francis P Baysville.
Waddell, John Bracebridge.

Norfolk.

Baker, Huit	Windham Centre.
Brown, Isaiah	Port Rowan.
Barrett, A. P	Port Royal.
Clark, Benjamin	Simcoe.
Duncan, James L	Forestville.
Dowswell, John	Lynedoch.
Ewing, Alex. R.	Waterford.
Fick, Jerome B	Port Dover.
Hambley, William E.	Rockford.
Kramer, Conrad	Delhi.
Nickerson, W. F	Simcoe.
Randall, Robert	Bookton.
Wilson, Abner	Lynedoch.

Northumberland.

Diamond, T	Cobourg.
Field, Cyrus W	Cobourg.
Fairbanks, Chas. S	Cobourg.
Merrian, H. N	Harwood.
Nimmo, T. J	Bensford.
Row, George	Carrying Place.
Wedlock, James	Bensford.
Wallace, Thomas	Gore's Landing.

Nipissing.

Armstrong, John	Haileybury.
Bard, T	Sturgeon Falls.
Garrow, E	Nipissing Junction.
Huntington, S. L	North Bay.
Jessup, Robert	Nipissing.
McNab, Donald	Nipissing.

Oxford.

Cuthbert, George	Woodstock.
Huntingford, Henry	Woodstock.
Martin, Richard	Woodstock.
Tisdale, J. C	Woodstock.

Ontario.

Bagshaw, Obed E	Vroomanton.
Frankish, F. M	Uxbridge.
Hall, Maxwell	Longford Mills.
Hadley, James	Liverpool Market.
Suiter, James	Longford Mills.
Gordon, John	Pickering.
Henry, T. S.	Cedardale.
Miller, Arthur	Seagrave.
McGrath, Michael	Brechin.
McMillan, D	Beaverton.

McDermott, Geo	Port Perry.
Pettit, George	Port Perry.
Sutcliffe, James	Prince Albert.
Willis, James	Whitby.
Williams, Charles	Glen Major.

Prince Edward.

Lake, Stephen	West Lake.
Rorabeck, Athol	Crofton.
Sprague, George G	Demorestville.

Peterborough.

Hartley, E. J	Peterboro'.
Ludgate, Theodore	Peterboro'.
Lambert, Henry	Silver Lake.
Moore, F. J	Lakefield.
Moore, D. H	Peterboro'.
McWilliams, J. B	Peterboro'.
Smith, J. W	Peterboro'.
Wedlock, William	Keene.

Parry Sound.

Burns, C. W., sr	South River.
Butler, Clarence H	Trout Creek.
Carmichael, William	Powassan.
Doupe Sydney	Lawrence Mills.
Draycott, F. W	Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur	Seguin Falls.
French, Benjamin	Dunchurch.
Greer, A. J	Parry Sound.
Groom, Henry	Kearney.
Hollingshead, Walter M	Sprucedale.
Hall, William H	Sprucedale.
Johnson, John A	Parry Sound.
Kennedy, W. E	Magnetawan.
LaBrash, James P	Maple Island.
Mainprize, N	Golden Valley.
Mitchell, Robert	Cecebe.
McDonald, Arch	Sundridge.
McDermott, G. Benj	Sundridge.
McGowan, William	Parry Sound.
McAmmond, William	Dunchurch.
Ricker, David	Commanda.
Sloman, Alfred	Trout Creek.
Ward, Thomas B	Burk's Falls.

Prescott.

Bonville, Leon	St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barrett, Jchn	Fournier.
Cunningham, A	Wendover.
Ferguson, William	Vankleek Hill.
James, Richard	Alfred.

LaBelle, Leonce	Curran.
LeRoy, Ralph	Barb.
Lefaiivre, Hercule	Lefaiivre.
Marston, Lewis F	L'Orignal.
Martineau, Joseph	Alfred.
McKercher, Peter	L'Orignal.
Ross, Joseph	Vankleek Hill.
St. Pierre, Pierre	St. Eugene.
Scott, David	Riceville.

Peel.

Rayburn, John	Caledon.
Walterhouse, Edward	Cooksville.

Perth.

Climie, W. R	Listowel.
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Renfrew.

Brady John	Renfrew.
Biggs, William E.,	Pembroke.
Biggs, Aaron	Pembroke.
Coffey, William	Pembroke.
Halliday, James	Springtown.
Johnson, S. M.	Arnprior.
Kennedy, John	Pembroke.
McCagherty, P.	Pembroke.
McDonald, Alex.	Pembroke.
Plaunt, Xavier	Renfrew.
Smith, Robert R.	Eganville.

Simcoe.

Baker, Daniel	Uthhoff.
Bathie, Edward	Cookstown.
Beardsley, Alfred W	Barrie.
Coombes, John	Lovering.
Chapman, James	Cookstown.
Fildey, George	Cookstown.
Hines, John	Barrie.
Kearns, George	Ivy.
Kitchen, Joseph	Lovering.
Moir, John	Cookstown.
Mills, William	Elmvale.
McLaughlin, James	Anten Mills.
Primrose, Alex	Apto.
Pollock, Thomas	Cookstown.
Ross, Joseph	Cookstown.
Regan, John	Orillia.
Rawson, William	Coldwater.
Shakell, William	Lovering.
Somerville, David	Stayner.
Upton, George	Nicholston.
Wilson, J. J.	Fesserton.

Victoria.

Bowins, Charles	Coboconk.
Crowe, Nathaniel	Bobcaygeon.
Dewdney, Arthur W	Bobcaygeon.
Daniel, John	Balsam Grove.
Ellis, J. A	Fenelon Falls.
Galloway, David	Moore's Falls.
Howie, John	Bury's Green.
Harris, Noxon	Bobcaygeon.
Henderson, Egerton	Lindsay.
Junkin, James	Fenelon Falls.
Lysh, William	Bobcaygeon.
McArthur, Donald	Manilla.
Nicholls, Gardiner	Bobcaygeon.
Silverthorn, George	Balsover.
Ray, John	Kirkfield.
Wills, T. J	Bobcaygeon.

Welland.

Augustine, Elias	Stonebridge.
Barnhart, George	Sherkston.
Beam, Horace H	Black Creek.
Griffin, Richard	Fort Erie.
Hershy, Milford	Garrison Road.
Miller, Charles A	Black Creek.
Michener, Cyrenus	Ridgeway.
Neff, Peter	Marshville.
Nixon, J. C.	Welland.
Page, A. E. O.	Ridgeway.
Rose, Charles, jr.	Garrison Road.
Risley, E. E.	International Bridge.
Teal, Irwin	Ridgeway.
Teal, C.	Ridgeway.
Sauer, Elias	Welland.

Waterloo.

Bulmer, George	Elmira.
Devitt, John	Waterloo.
Fraser, Alex	New Hamburg.
Gildner, Henry	Berlin.
Gillier, Peter	Galt.
Gress, Philip	Blair.
Hall, James	Hawksville.
Mengers, William	St. Jacob's.
Mayers, Frederick	Bridgeport.
Mickers, Joseph	Heidleberg.
McCruden, Robert	Galt.
McMaster, Thomas	Hespler.
Stark, John	Hespler.
Springer, Joseph	Kossuth.

Wentworth.

Gallin, Warren	Waterdown.
Raspberry, William	West Flamboro'.

Wellington.

Atkinson, George Osborne	Guelph.
Gay, William	Elora.
Gilechrist, John W.	Kilean.
Hull, Wellington	Erin.
Love, James	Guelph.
Lang, George	Hillsburg.
McGinnis, Alex	Arkell.
Robertson, Thomas	Kilean.
Stewart, Donald	Creiff.
Smith, George	Eden Mills.
Stovel, Thomas	Mount Forest.
Williams, Henry M.	Guelph.

York.

Browne, Hume	Toronto.
Hope, W. B.	Toronto.
Tidsberry, James L.	Coleman.
Kennedy, James.	Toronto.

Province of Quebec.

*Cowley, E. A.	Montreal.
*Finnie, Dr. J. T.	Montreal.

*These officers have been specially appointed to enforce the Game Laws on Lake St. Francis, which is partly in Ontario and partly in Quebec.

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Algoma ..	Robert Rush	October 20	H. F. Dunbar	U. S	Shooting without license
do ..	do	do 20	H. S. Dunbar	do	do
do ..	do	do 20	J. Campbell	do	do
Addington.	George Albertson.	Nov. 22	J. Reynold	Verona	Spearing
do ..	do	do 22	W. Jackson	do	do
do ..	do	do 22	P. Reval	do	do
do ..	do	do 22	B. Reval	do	do
do ..	do	do 22	S. Reval	do	do
do ..	do	do 22	H. Reynolds	do	do
do ..	J. A. Dermott....	Jan. 10	.....	.....	.....
Bruce	David Manly.....	August 25	John Arnovine	Chepow	Sunday fishing.....
do	do	do 25	Michael Lesgouse.....	do	do
do	do	do 25	Jacob Kreohlin	do	do
do	do	do 25	Joseph Shurter	do	do
do	do	October 20	A. Huffman.....	Riversdale	Trapping out of sea- son
Carleton ..	Wm. Farnell	Dec. 8	Allen Findlay.....	Smith's Falls.....	Breaking muskrat houses
do ..	R. T. Graham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex	Jos. Roberts .....	.....	Jos. Schafer.....	Wyandott.....	Sunday shooting....
Eglin	Wm. Fairbrother.	Sept. 21	Arthur Simpson	Lawrence Station.	Illegal shooting
do	Robert Miller .....	.....	Arthur Simpson	do	do
Frontenac.	J. H. Brickwood..	March 13	J. F. Fallon	Portsmouth	Opening muskrat houses
do ..	do	do 9	Geo. Simmons.....	do	Illegal fishing
do ..	do	do 8	C. Jackson.....	.....	do
do ..	do	April 20	Jas. Barnes .....	.....	do
do ..	do	Aug. 18	G. L. Freeburn .....	.....	Illegal shooting
do ..	do	Nov. 20	W. Ball.....	.....	Selling otter skin ..
Glengarry .	Ambrose Dunn....	April 16	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do	do 18	.....	.....	.....
Grey	Malcolm Campbell	Jan. 2	B. E. Lines	Walkerton	Shooting out of season.....
do	Geo. B. Holmes ..	Feby. 28	Thirkle Barr	Meaford	do
do	do	do 28	Jno. D. McIntosh	do	do
do	do	do 28	Geo. Walmsley	do	do
do ..	do	Aug. and Sept. ...	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do	Sept. and October ..	.....	.....	.....
do	do	Dec. 18	.....	.....	.....
do	do	Nov. 3	.....	.....	.....
do	Ludwig Siegman..	July 13	John Knapman	Clifford	Illegal fishing
do	do	do 13	Noa Unger	do	do
do	do	August 4	Henry Breman	do	do
do	do	Nov. 29	Charles Peter	Moltke	Sunday shooting....
do	do	do 29	Jacob Peter	do	do
Haliburton	James Turnbull ..	August 26	Geo. W. Stevens	Minden	Selling deer out of season.....
do ..	do	June 16	Thos. Stinson & Sons..	do	Allowing sawdust to be thrown in river.
do ..	do	Nov. 18	do	do	do

FOR YEAR 1894.

Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during the season of 1894.
Summoned	Sault Ste. Marie	George Bender	\$25 and costs	
do	do	do	\$25 do	
do	do	do	\$25 do	
do	Verona	S. Q. Reynolds	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
				Seized and burned 43 rods gill net.
Summoned	Walkerton	A. W. Robb	\$1 and costs	
do	do	do	\$1 do	Destroyed a number of traps.
do	do	do	\$1 do	
do	do	do	\$1 do	
do	Riversdale	A. Simon	\$5 do	
do	Smith's Falls	Michael Gardiner	\$10 do	Seized 1 net, 2 traps, have them in possession. 5 traps and 1 net.
Gun taken from him.	Did not appear.	Mr. Bartlet	Confiscated gun	
Summoned	St. Thomas	John McCausland	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	Portsmouth	D. J. Walker	\$5	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$10	
				Seized 1 net and destroyed 1.
				Seized 1 net, have it still in possession.
Summoned	Tp. Brant	Alex. Kerr	\$5 and costs	Destroyed 1 wooden fish trap.
do	Meaford	A. McK. Cameron	\$5 do	
do	do	James Stewart	\$5 do	
do	do	do	\$5 do	
				Destroyed 16 snares.
				Destroyed a number of steel traps.
				Shot 1 hound chasing deer.
				Confiscated 1 net and 4 night lines.
Summoned	Anton	W. H. Ryan	\$10 and costs	
do	do	do	\$10 do	
do	do	do	\$10 do	
do	do	do	\$1 do	
do	do	do	\$1 do	
do	Minden	Wm. Fielding	\$20 and costs	
do	do	do	\$10 do	
do	do	do	Dismissed	

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Hastings	Walker Unwin	Jan. 26	P. Fraser	Unknown	Shooting without license
do	do	Feb. 13	J. Groves		do
do	do	October 15	F. Morrill		do
do	do	do 15	J. Putman	U. S.	do
do	Thos. Stanyer				
do	H. K. Smith	April 18	G. Bouter	Murray	Shooting ducks
do	do		B. Bishop	do	do
do	do		G. Snider	do	do
do	do	April 30	J. McGee	do	do
do	do	May 2	B. Filion	do	do
do	do	do 2	F. Bayette	do	do
do	do	do 15	J. Bryant, Sr	do	do
do	do	do 15	J. Bryant, Jr	do	do
do	do	do 15	Wm. Rundle	do	do
do	do	do 15	W. Rundle	do	do
do	do	do 15	J. Jackson	do	do
do	do	do 15	S. Crowter	do	do
do	do	May 15	D. Goulding	do	do
do	do	do 15	G. Nolan	do	do
do	do	July 6	Wm. Laird	do	Killing beaver
do	do	August 13	W. A. Fields	Lanark	Hunting hares
do	do	do 13	J. McInnes	do	do
do	do	do 13	Dr. Scott	do	do
do	do	Sept. 8	E. Wigg	Apsley	Hunting deer
do	do	do 21	Randall Clarke	Consecon	Shooting ducks
do	do	Nov. 12			
do	do	Dec. 26			
Leeds	Justus Smith	October 29			
Lennox	Wesley Huff		Ant. Robinson		Illegal fishing
do	do		P. Mellow		do
do	do		David Reckley		do
do	do		Thomas Lloyd		do
do	do		Jacob Bellet		do
do	do		Chas. White		do
do	do		Bruce Robinson		do
do	do		George Sharpe		do
do	do		Jacob Reeve		do
Muskoka	C. E. Maudsley	December	Fritz Bros.	U. S.	Killing game out of season
do	Michael Woods	Dec. 29	Doolittle & Anderson	Hamel's Point	Having venison in possession during close season
Monck	John A. Gill	August 13	J. C. Gould	Jordan Station	Illegal shooting
do	do	do 10	John Crumb	Dunnville	do
do	do	Nov. 19	Edward Angle	Attercliffe	Trapping
do	do	do 19	Andrew Sensabayh	do	do
do	do	do 5	Chas Highton	Stroniness	Shooting duck out of season
do	do	Sept. 22	(William Gibson and John Gibson)	do	do
do	do	Nov. 5	George Dodge	do	do
do	do	do 5	John Cummings	do	do
do	do	do 19	R. Ecker	Wainfleet	Trapping and having furs in possession out of season
do	do	do 19	Chas. Barnell	Moulton	do
do	do	Dec. 5	William Souter	Gainsboro'	do
do	do	do 5	G. D. Ray	North Cayuga	do
do	do	do 5	Rueben Windiske	do	do
do	do	do 5	Joseph Whipple	Dunnville	do
do	do	do 5	Jesse Adams	Wainfleet	Selling furs trapped out of season

YEAR 1894.—Continued.

Was offender arrested or summoned	When tried.	Name of magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during the season of 1894.
Summoned	St. Ola	P. P. Clark	\$20 and costs	
do	Madoc	E. K. O'Flynn	\$20 do	
do	Bannockburn	Jas. Markland	Discharged	
do	do	do	do	Seized 1 net.
Summoned	Murray	H. K. Smith	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$25	
do	do	do	\$25	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$15	
do	do	do	\$15	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	West Lake	do	Dismissed	
do	Lanark	do	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
do	do	do	Dismissed	
do	Apsley	A. Brown	\$45	
do	Consecon	P. Beech	\$5	
				Seized and sold furs, \$11.50. do 5.60.
Summoned	Napanee	James Daly	\$10	Seized some nets and returned them.
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$10	
do	do	do	\$20	
Arrested	Bracebridge	Jas. Boyer	\$5 and costs	
Summoned	Port Carling	P. M. Shannon	\$25 do	
Arrested	Dunnville	John A. Gill	\$5	
do	do	do	\$5	
Settled with out being summoned.			\$5	
Arrested	Dunnville	John A. Gill	\$5	
do	do	John Taylor	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	A. D. Stewart	do	
do	do	do	do	
Summoned	do	do	\$10 and costs	
do	do	do	\$10 do	
do	do	do	Dismissed	
do	do	do	\$10 and costs	
do	do	do	\$10 do	
do	do	do	Sent to jail.	
do	do	do	\$10 and costs	

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Middlesex.	W. H. O'Neil....	June 15	William Case.....	Dorchester Station	Spearing with torch light.
do	do	do 15	Walter Hayes.....	do	do
do	do	do 15	Duncan Black.....	Derwent.....	do
do	R. W. Ward.....	May 17, 18	William Case.....	North Dorchester.	Killing bass and spearing fish.
do	do	do 17, 18	Walter Hayes.....	do	do
do	do	do 17, 18	Duncan Black.....	do	do
do	do	May 26	John Sutherland.....	London Tp	Obstructing fish way.
do	do	April 6	John Crouse.....	Byron.....	do
Nipissing	F. Bard.....	Sept. 9	Isidore Taulette.....	Sturgeon Falls....	Shooting out of season.
do	do	do 9	Joseph Gauthier.....	do	do
Ontario	{ James Sutcliffe and George Pettit. }	Nov. 23	John Jackson.....		Having rat skin in possession.
		Dec. 27	Joseph Hadley.....		do
		Dec. 30	Joseph Avery.....		do
do	Geo. W. Pettit	July 13	H. E. Hutchison.....	Scugog	Sunday fishing.
do	do	do 13	R. B. Rice.....		do
do	James Hadley				
do	James Willes.....	Dec. 26			
Peterboro'	J. W. Wedlock....				
Simcoe....	Walter Foreman	November	— Johnston.....	Toronto	Having fish in possession out of season.
do	do	do	P. M. Shannon.....	Port Carling.....	do
do	do	do	do	do	Netting.
do	J. H. Willmott....	Feby. 3	John Burns.....	London	Killing more than 2 deer.
do	do	do 6	G. Heintzman.....	Toronto	Sunday hunting.
do	do	do 6	— Bennett.....	do	do
do	do	Nov. 7	P. M. Shannon.....	Port Carling.....	Having herring in possession during close season.
do	do	do 7	do	do	Netting.
do	do		J. W. Hey.....	Bracebridge	Illegal possession of furs.
do	do	Dec. 17	Wm. McClelland....	Whitestone.....	Killing a moose.
do	do	do 17	Doolittle & Anderson.	do	Having moose meat in possession.
Victoria	Geo. Silverthorn..	May 1	J. D. Fleming.....		Fishing with torches
do	N. Crowe.....	Jan. 27	Fremont Crandel....		Allowing dogs to run out of season.
Waterloo..	George Bulmer		H. Mogh.....	Elmira	Shooting game out of season.
do	do		J. Hahn.....	do	do

YEAR 1894.—*Concluded.*

Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during the season of 1894.
Summoned	London	Squire Lacey	\$1 and costs	
do	do	do	\$1 do	
do	do	do	\$1 do	Seized and destroyed.
do	do	do	\$2 do	
do	do	do	\$2 do	
do	do	do	\$2 do	Seized and destroyed 2 spears.
do	do	do	\$2 do	
do	do	do	\$4 do	
Arrested	Sturgeon Falls	Jno. Holditch	\$5 do	
do	do	do	\$5	Seized gun but returned it.
Summoned	Port Perry	John Watt	\$5 and costs	Seized 16 rat skins.
do	do	do	\$5 do	Seized 56 rat skins.
do	do	do	\$5 do	Seized 1 rat skin.
do	do	do	\$5 do	
do	do	do	\$5 do	
				Seized 1 net and have the same still in possession.
				Seized 4 traps and have same in possession still.
				Destroyed 60 traps.
Arrested	Port Carling	W. Hannon	\$10	
Summoned	Point Kaye	{ J. F. Butler. J. H. Willmott. J. Inglass W. Davidson. }	\$10	Seized about 400 yards of Mr. Shannon's nets.
do	do	do	\$10	
		J. H. Willmott	\$20 and costs	
		do	\$5 do	
		do	\$5 do	
Summoned	Point Kaye	{ C. F. Butler. J. H. Willmott. J. Inglass }	\$10 do	} These cases are appealed.
do	do	W. Davidson	\$10 do	
Premises searched		J. H. Willmott	\$10 and costs and confiscated furs.	
Summoned	Whitestone	{ H. K. Smith. J. H. Willmott. }	\$50 and costs	
do	do	do	\$25 do	
do	Woodville	W. M. Cameron	\$5 do	
do	Harvey	Mr. Seymore	\$20	
Summoned	Elmira	R. Powell	\$5 and costs	
do	do	do	\$5 do	

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R E P O R T
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His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario :

SIR,—In presenting this the fourth annual report, the Commissioners have endeavored to bring together in a form as concise as possible, all matters pertaining to their department. The reports of the Wardens indicating the work done by them during the year are given as well as other matters which it is hoped will prove interesting.

The Commissioners are pleased to be able to congratulate the Government upon the remarkable success which has attended the working of the Game Laws, for not only are they becoming more popular as they are becoming better known, but the farmers, those most largely interested, hail them as a means of keeping idlers and poachers from trespassing upon their lands, trampling down their crops, and killing off great numbers of useful insectivorous birds which are the farmers' best friends. The Sabbath, which before the present Act came into force was often chosen as the day for hunting, is now seldom or never desecrated except, perhaps, in some of the most remote parts of the Province.

WARDENS.

The Commissioners are pleased to be able to testify that the Wardens have done much valuable work during the year, especially have they been efficient in preventing violations of the Act in the northern sections of the Province where the temptation to kill deer both before and after the open season is very great. In fact, these men have been unremitting in their efforts to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Laws thus earning directly for the people of the Province many times their salary. Of course much more efficient work could be done if the number of Wardens were greater, for, owing to the great extent of territory which each Warden has to protect, it is utterly impossible that every violation can be detected and punished. They have also made it their business to see that the provisions of the Insectivorous Birds Act are carried out, although this is not strictly a part of their duty yet it is quite in their line of work and it is done by them for the great good it will accomplish.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

There is now about 460 of these men, a force, if efficient, large enough to make the protection very successful, but, while there are a number of good and painstaking officers among them, the majority simply do nothing. They give as an excuse

for their inactivity that they gain very little pecuniarily even in a successful prosecution while they risk the loss of a good deal by offending neighbors, and if they should fail to obtain a conviction they are mulcted in the amount of costs which most of them are unable to bear, there being no provision by which they are recouped. The Commissioners think that some plan might be devised by which the Deputies would not be deterred from doing their duty through fear of the expense in case they are unsuccessful, it may be before an unfriendly magistrate.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

Although the enforcement of the Game Laws has had an undoubted effect in preserving the game during the last three or four years the Act might be made much more protective by restricting the number of birds to be taken or killed by any person in a day or year, for instance in the case of duck, if it were enacted that not more than twenty should be taken in a day or 300 in a season it would have a good effect. The same plan might be adopted with reference to the other game birds, quail, snipe, woodcock, and partridge. The Commissioners are pleased to know that the Long Point Company have set the laudable example to other clubs by making a by-law that not more than 500 ducks shall be shot on their reserve during a season by any member; formerly as many as 2,600 ducks have been taken by one gun in a season. The Long Point Club are no doubt induced to this action by the observation that there is an undoubted decrease in the number of deep water ducks as the redhead, bluebill or scaup ducks. Wood duck, too, are becoming scarce.

There is an increasing feeling among sportsmen that further and greater efforts must be made in the near future looking towards the restocking of game covers, and quail seems to be the only bird which offers a fair compensation for the outlay of time and money. As is well known, none of the other native game birds admit of propagation so that restocking with them is out of the question. Some ardent sportsmen have introduced the Mongolian pheasant and also the English pheasant but sufficient time has not yet elapsed in which to test the success of the experiment.

The Commissioners are strongly of the opinion that Algonquin Park offers a most favorable opportunity for the introduction of the capercailzie and black grouse. These birds are natives of Norway and Sweden as well as the Highlands of Scotland, where they do well in the pine forests and other covers. The capercailzie is the largest of the grouse family, weighing as much as ten or twelve pounds and of excellent qualities for the table. The black grouse is not so large, averaging only about three pounds in weight but quite equal to our own ruffed grouse for the table. They have been introduced into the forests of Maine and are reported to be doing well.

DEER.

The Commissioners regret having to report that although the open season was last year shortened by ten days, yet, owing to the insatiable craze of hunters to take part in the sport of hunting this animal before it is finally exterminated, greater numbers than ever have been killed during the late open season. It is estimated by the Wardens who had charge of Muskoka and neighboring districts that fully 3,000 deer were killed there during the fifteen days open season. The chief factor in this unreasonable slaughter is the use of hounds which, to the number of about 800, were let loose upon the deer this season. When dogs are used, and so many hunters are at the same time scattered through the woods, a

deer when once started is almost certainly killed, if not on the runways, then while help'less in the water. If the dogs are stopped there will be little or no slaughtering in the water, which practice does so little credit to the sportsman.

We are of the opinion, too, that hounding during the rutting season is no small factor in rendering the does barren, not to speak of the diseases caused by plunging a tired and overheated animal into ice water.

The Commissioners are disgusted with the details of the wanton slaughter of this noble animal, and they are confident that if greater restrictions are not imposed at once, the deer will in a very short time be an extinct animal in Ontario.

At the annual meeting of the Commissioners the question of hunting deer with dogs was discussed fully and, on a resolution prohibiting their use being submitted, it was lost on a division of three to two. In spite of this, however, there is a decided feeling over the whole Province that the use of dogs causes too great slaughter of this animal and will eventually exterminate it, while, if only still hunted, owing to the great expanse of bush and favorable covers for deer in northern Ontario, they may still become fairly plentiful for a great number of years. The Commissioners would also recommend that some plan be adopted by which each hunter may be checked from killing or taking more than his quota. The issuance, at a nominal sum, to every hunter of a license with two coupons attached would probably answer the purpose by compelling the hunter to attach a coupon to each of his deer, then any deer being sold or transported without the coupon would be *prima facie* evidence that it was not legally taken and would be liable to seizure.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

The Commissioners do not consider with pleasure the fact that a number of permits granted to take birds for their skins and to collect their eggs has reached the unreasonable number of sixty-eight for the year. In view of the rapidly decreasing number of our native birds, nine-tenths of which exist only to enhance the beauties of nature and to destroy myriads of noxious insects and weed seeds, it is to be deplored that a force of sixty-eight collectors should be let loose upon these inoffensive creatures to collect their skins throughout the whole year and their eggs during the breeding season, and not only for their own use in study, but also for foreign exchange as well as exchange at home. It should be remembered that the plumage of birds is finest during their mating or breeding season consequently it is then that the collector gets in his work. It should be remembered, too, that often a great many specimens are killed before one is secured fit for mounting or making a good skin, and, when it is considered that at this particular season nearly all have nests or are mated, some idea of the destruction of our valuable and beautiful insectivorous birds may be estimated.

The Commissioners would recommend that greater care still be exercised in the issue of these permits inasmuch as they fear that in some cases at least the skins and eggs are being made articles of trade. The example set by some of the neighboring states should be followed in which very few of such permits are granted. Maine, for instance, only grants ten in any one year.

FISHERIES.

Still the question of jurisdiction over Provincial waters remains unsettled, and, as a consequence the usefulness of the Commission is curtailed, for immense tracts of depleted waters could be very profitably restocked and thus a cheap and

wholesome food furnished the public. The Commissioners would urge that, if possible, the Government should take such steps as would force a settlement of this delayed question.

The Commissioners have to report that vast numbers of pickerel were, during November, thrown upon the north shore of Lake Erie apparently throughout its whole length. A space about four feet wide along the shore was covered with fish of all sizes, averaging about forty to the square yard. They were gathered by the farmers to use for fertilizing purposes. In order to verify the cause of such an immense loss of valuable fish the Commissioners sent samples of the diseased fish to Dr. R. R. Gurley, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., who recently held the position of specialist in diseases of fish on the U. S. Fish Commission. His answer was that he found minute tumors upon the filaments of the gills containing scores of *myxosporidia*, a fish parasite, very contagious and very fatal. The disease often appears as patches of moss or fungus on any part of the body. The fish, in this epidemic, principally affected is *stizostedion vitreum*, wall-eyed pike, dory, or yellow pickerel. There were also a great number of large water lizards, *necturus maculatus*, washed ashore.

CHIEF WARDEN.

Since the last report a successor to the late Chief Warden has been appointed in the person of Mr. Edwin Tinsley, of Hamilton, and there is good reason to say that he has been painstaking and efficient. His whole time being devoted to the work he is better able to accomplish the duties of his office and other work than if only paid for part of his time as seemed to have been the case with his predecessor.

The Commissioners are also of the opinion, that in order to start the nucleus of a collection of mounted specimens of the game and fish of the Province as well as of other rare and curious specimens of natural history, the Chief Warden should intimate to sportsmen and others his willingness to receive and have mounted by the best taxidermists such specimens as they may be pleased to donate. They are confident that a large number of valuable specimens could be thus secured. These could be kept in the office of the Chief Warden until their number would warrant a room or rooms being set apart for their accommodation.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

The Commissioners regret that the customs officials stationed on the frontiers of the Province do not seem disposed to assist our officers in preventing the export of game killed in the Province and shipped by dealers and others. They are always on duty and could do a good and patriotic work if they would.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME ACT.

The Commissioners are constantly receiving many suggestions from sportsmen and others which, in their estimation, should be embodied in the Act. They are convinced, however, that, after giving these propositions due consideration, it is not best to advise too many changes and have resolved to recommend as few amendments as possible. There are a few amendments, though, which appear absolutely necessary in the interests of the Province that the Government should give its best attention to, viz:—

1. Sec. 4 The following sentence be added: No person shall use any floating battery, skeg, monitor or other device whereby the gunner is concealed for

the purpose of killing any of the above waterfowl or shoot out of any such floating battery, machine or device at any wild goose, brant or duck in any of the waters of this Province, or use any decoy or construct any bough-house or blind at a greater distance than fifty yards from the shore or natural point of rushes connected with the shore for the purpose of shooting at or killing any such birds.

2. Reinsert Subsection three in Section three.

3. Section four, Subsection two, leave out the words "half an hour after}" and "half an hour before."

4. Provide that every person about to hunt deer shall take out a license for the season at a nominal fee to which two coupons are attached. That each person shall attach one coupon to each deer or part of deer shipped by him, and said coupon shall be signed and detached by the person to whom the license is issued in the presence of the shipping agent at the point of shipment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. A. MACCALLUM,

Chairman, Ontario Game and Fish Commission

DUNNVILLE, 31st December, 1895. ✓

REPORT OF THE CHIEF GAME WARDEN.

TORONTO, December, 1895.

G. A. MACCALLUM, ESQ., M.D.,
Chairman, Fish and Game Commission.

SIR,—I herewith beg to submit statement of the work of the department for the year ending December 31st, 1895.

During the year the Game Laws have been consolidated and issued in pamphlet form, more than three thousand copies have been distributed. The newspapers of the Province without exception, have rendered the department most valuable assistance in publishing copious extracts from the Game Laws, and by so doing, have brought the question of game protection prominently before the public. The work of the department has increased to such an extent that the energies of the wardens and myself have been taxed to enable us to keep up with the requirements of the department. The usual statements will be found in this report which, I hope, will be interesting and satisfactory.

WARDENS.

Too much cannot be said in behalf of the four gentlemen associated with me, to whom I am under an obligation for their most valuable and efficient assistance, at times rendered under very trying circumstances. The Province is still divided into five districts, one of thirteen counties under the direct supervision of the Chief Warden, which, in addition to my other duties, has only received very imperfect supervision.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

The number of Deputy Wardens has increased from 445 in 1894 to 466, many of them having done good work, others being indifferent and of little service to the Commission. The alleged reason for this indifference, is, that failing to secure convictions, they have to pay the costs, many of them not being in a position to do this.

GAME LAWS.

It affords me much pleasure to report that the Game Laws are becoming more generally respected, sportsmen evincing a disposition to assist the department in enforcing the Game Laws and bringing offenders to justice. Many prominent sportsmen are in favor of a gun license, believing that such a measure would be popular and a powerful factor in game protection.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

I regret having to report that, from various causes, quail are not increasing to the extent we had reason to expect. Partridge are increasing and have afforded excellent sport in all parts of the Province. Duck shooting, in consequence of the unprecedentedly low water in the marshes, has not been satisfactory to those owning or controlling preserves. Market hunters have had no cause to complain. They have killed immense numbers of duck with a contrivance combining all the destructive qualities of the sunken punt. This device in some localities is

known as a skeg, in others as a monitor. These contrivances or boats should not be allowed to anchor for shooting purposes more than one hundred yards from shore. Steam and sailing yachts should be prohibited from use in any capacity in connection with duck shooting, they having been used to a large extent during the past season in evading the Game Laws. The practice has been to take a number of boats in tow and steam or sail out into open waters, the shooting being done from the boats in tow.

The concessions made in allowing shooting half an hour before sunrise and half an hour after sunset, having been grossly abused, no shooting should be allowed before sunrise or after sunset.

From the immense number of deer killed during the open season, it is evident that measures must be taken to restrict the slaughter, or deer in Ontario will soon be, like the wild turkey, a thing of the past. This slaughter can be restricted by prohibiting the hounding of deer for some years. The absence of fawns and the large number of barren does killed this season, is a warning that should not be neglected. It is too much to expect that does chased night and day by hounds, for two or three weeks at that particular season, can be prolific. I have reports to the effect that moose are increasing to some extent, which must be satisfactory to those interested in preventing the extinction of the monarch of the forest.

A matter of great import to which I take the liberty of drawing your attention, is one of a missionary character, namely to send a competent man well versed in the Indian language, to make a tour of the Indian reserves in the northern portions of the Province, for the purpose of convincing the Indians that they are acting very foolishly and much to their own detriment, in the useless and indiscriminate slaughter of game.

I also desire to draw your attention to the necessity of some measure being adopted that would enable the Wardens and Deputy Wardens to have some check on the number of deer killed by hunters. I know of no method so effective as that in use in the State of Michigan. There no person is allowed to shoot deer without having first procured a license, the price of which is fifty cents. Attached to such licenses are coupons, one of which must be attached to each carcass or parts of such, before legal shipment can be made. Deer or parts of such found without such coupons attached, are confiscated.

I also suggest that the Game Laws be so amended that severe penalties be inflicted for shooting deer in the water. The work of the Commission would be far more effective if the Chief Warden and Wardens had the same power conferred on them as those conferred on Liquor License Inspectors, enabling the Wardens to inspect suspected establishments without procuring search warrants. If this course is not practicable, then game dealers should be licensed before being allowed to deal in game, thus bringing them under direct Government supervision. It has been found necessary to do this in England. While we are far in advance of our American neighbors in the question of spring shooting, we are lagging far behind them in the barbarous system of hounding deer. Many of the States have made it unlawful to hound deer, and nearly all the American papers devoted to field sports, are agitating in favor of abolishing this barbarous and cruel practice.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

Permits to take insectivorous birds and their eggs, have been issued to the number of 68. Even this number could be reduced with advantage. Great care has been exercised in the issuing of these permits to prevent professional dealers and bird catchers, obtaining them.

FISH.

The vexed question of jurisdiction over the fisheries of the Province, is still in abeyance. This is a matter of great importance and should be decided without delay. In consequence of the divided responsibility, the Deputy Wardens of the Province are unable to enforce the Fishery Laws, and the result is, the destruction of this most valuable article of food and commerce.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

There have been sixty shooting licenses issued to foreign sportsmen ; the same number as last year. The names of those to whom licenses were issued are embodied in this report.

I beg to suggest that on presentation of shooting licenses issued by the province, that the holders of such licenses should be allowed by the Custom Officers, to export the two deer in accordance with the Game Laws of Ontario.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. TINSLEY,

Chief Warden.

BEAUMARIS, December 20th, 1896.

E. TINSLEY, Esq.,

Chief Warden.

SIR,—I beg to submit to you my annual report in respect to the Game and Fish in the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, Algoma, and the County of Simcoe.

DEER.

It is gratifying to note the respect in which the law continues to be held in most sections, and also the increase in these animals, except in certain sections where hunters come in numbers. These places will in a short time be cleared out, unless something is done to stop the slaughter. There is the strongest feeling among fully ninety-five per cent of the settlers to prohibit the running of hounds entirely, and on enquiry I have been surprised to find some old hunters, who have been accustomed to run dogs all their lives, reciprocate in this feeling. This I believe to be the only method of preserving the deer. I have noticed numbers of deer during the past season which have been shot through the head, which clearly proves that they were killed in the water, and this no doubt after a long chase. There is no denying that the meat under these circumstances would be much inferior to that of animals killed still hunting. The butcher or farmer would be crazy to dog a beast an hour before killing it, on account of the meat being affected by so doing. The result in the case of deer so treated must naturally have an effect on the meat. As for sport, a deer killed still hunting, when a man has to pit his cunning against that of the deer, affords true sport, whereas it is a cowardly and cruel action to take advantage of a helpless animal in the water. Should hounding be stopped, the open season might safely be lengthened, and not half as much slaughter would occur, but should it still be permitted it would be wise to shorten the season.

Lumbermen.—Many of them I am pleased to see, have been careful not to have infractions committed in their camps, and have gone so far as to post up prohibitory notices in such camps. To them our thanks are due for helping in the good cause. There are, however, exceptional cases where infractions have occurred, and should these cases on investigation be proved, prosecutions will most assuredly follow. In spite of the shortening of the open season this year, many more deer have been killed than last year; I estimate that between 1,200 or 1,500 have been taken out of these northern districts this year, against 1,000 to 1,200 last year.

Moose are reported on the increase, especially in Algoma. There is no doubt, however, that many of these animals are killed by Indians.

Partridge have been more plentiful this season than for a number of years past, the nesting season having been most favorable for young broods.

Deputy Wardens.—Some of these I am pleased to report, have rendered most efficient service, and several good men have been added to our lists. Many of these men, however, hold aloof from prosecuting cases for fear of failure to procure convictions and consequently loss in costs to themselves.

The presence of special patrols during the hunting season had a most salutary effect and several convictions were obtained by these men. The fact, also, that Provincial Detectives Rogers and Greer were on the scent, had an additional good effect, and I would urge that the latter should be employed on the same work in future open seasons.

Fishery Laws.—There laws are fairly observed ; apart from a few cases of netting and depositing mill rubbish in streams, there have been very few violations. An early settlement of the question of jurisdiction over the inland waters, now at issue between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, would be most welcome to all the Wardens, for at present we are somewhat handicapped. The Game Act of 1893 and subsequent amendments which you have printed in pamphlet form, has supplied a long-felt want. I have had during the past year twenty-two cases, fifteen convictions, and seven dismissals, as you will see by returns. I have endeavored to curtail expenses as much as possible, but on account of these districts being so extensive, and most of the travel being necessarily by horse conveyance, the expenses are unavoidably high.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. WILLMOTT,

Warden.

BELLEVILLE, 31st December, 1895.

E. TINSLEY, Esq.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting my fourth annual report, as Warden for the eastern district, for the year 1895.

The hunting season just closed has been a very successful one for the hunters and correspondingly destructive to the deer. It is quite apparent that the number killed during the past season has been largely in excess of any previous season since the establishment of the Commission, and although the open season was shorter, by nearly one-half, than the previous one, it has completely failed to give the protection that was expected, and which is so desirable, and further restrictions will have to be put upon the killing of these animals, if their extermination is to be prevented.

Partridges seem to be quite plentiful in nearly every locality, and it is thought, are gradually increasing in number, while the law prohibiting the sale of them is universally approved,

Ducks do not appear to have been so numerous as formerly in this part of the Province, although the pursuit of fall ducks has been fairly successful. Complaint is still being made respecting the use of floating blinds, monitors, etc., and as I stated in a former report, no proper definition of them can be had and it is therefore impossible to obtain a conviction against parties using them, and I am still of the opinion that the law should be amended, so that hunters would be compelled to erect their bough-houses and blinds within a reasonable distance of the shore or rush beds.

With respect to the fur-bearing animals, I regret to say, that little or no attention is paid to the law in the most northerly part of the Province, and it is said that beaver and otter are taken whenever they can be found. The fur of the mink is becoming more valuable, and I am of the opinion that a close season should be established for them, provided that the section did not apply to persons killing them in, or about, their own premises when there is a probability of damage being done by them.

Respecting Deputy Wardens, I regret to say that many of them are worse than useless, as they do not act but still keep the appointment, and we are therefore under the disadvantage of not knowing whether we have an officer in certain localities or not. I do not wish to be understood as condemning the whole of them, because there are some who devote all the time they can afford to the work.

Infractions of the law have been of frequent occurrence during the year, but it is gratifying to know that the better class of our citizens have no sympathy with the violators, and they are at last awakening to the fact, that if game protection in Ontario is to be a success, it must have their active assistance.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

H. K. SMITH,
Warden.

LEAMINGTON, December, 31st, 1896.

E. TINSLEY, Esq.,

Chief Game Warden.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report as Warden for the western district.

In consequence of spring duck shooting being allowed by the Game Laws of Michigan, there is much dissatisfaction expressed by Ontario sportsmen residing in this district, who, though opposed to spring shooting on principle, do not like the idea of protecting the ducks for Americans to shoot.

Some dissatisfaction prevails regarding the open season for woodcock. Many sportsmen claim that in this district the woodcock migrate at the end of September, and that the open season should commence some weeks earlier.

I had some difficulty in preventing Americans violating the Game Laws in consequence of the extent of the frontier, a few cases having come to my knowledge of non-residents having entered the Province for the purpose of shooting without having taken out licenses as required. In two cases with your assistance I was enabled to collect the license fees from residents of Detroit. There is another case still pending.

I would suggest that the customs officers should not permit any non-residents to enter the Province for the purpose of hunting or shooting without having a license issued by the Province in their possession. Much credit is due to Mr. George Gott, Customs Collector at Amherstburg, for not allowing Americans to bring their guns into the Province unless they had a license, issued by the Province of Ontario, in their possession.

Few complaints of the infractions of the Game Laws have reached me along the frontier, in consequence of the very efficient aid rendered me by the Provincial Police in general, and especially by Detective Campeau, who has rendered me most valuable assistance.

The most difficult poachers we have had to contend with are those using steam yachts. Having great speed they continue to be a source of great annoyance to law-abiding sportsmen; these yachts being used for the purpose of driving the ducks from their feeding grounds.

Many misleading and untruthful reports that have appeared in the newspapers of alleged violations of the Game Laws, when investigated proved to be without foundation.

In August last I was instructed by you to enquire into complaints made against Mr. F. Martin, residing on Government property at Mitchell's Bay. Mr. Martin, it was alleged, was harbouring poachers and lawless characters from the United States. I found these statements were not sustained by facts. Three American yachts, containing fishing parties, were anchored in the vicinity, and a number of fishermen were boarding at Martin's, all having licenses or permits to fish, procured from the Dominion Fishery Inspector at Mitchell's Bay. I was informed that the complaints against Mr. Martin were made in consequence of one of his sons being suspected of poaching on the property of the St. Ann's Club. The young man denied being guilty of wrong-doing, and I was unable to dispute his statement.

In conclusion, I am pleased to state that the Game Laws are becoming more observed and respected, many sportsmen taking an active interest in enforcing them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. C. QUALLINS, Warden.

DUNNVILLE, December 31st, 1896.

E. TINSLEY, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—In submitting this, my fourth annual report, I find that I have but little to say that has not been mentioned in my former reports, excepting, indeed, the changes that I would urgently recommend to be made in the Game Act.

Shooting birds half-an-hour before and after sunset cannot be properly prevented, and the time should be changed back to sunrise and sunset. Cottontail rabbits should be also put under the close season with the white hare, if the Wardens are expected to control the preservation of partridges and quail during the winter months. As it is now, we find men roaming through the haunts of these birds, with dog and gun, under the pretence of hunting the cottontail, and unless we can find the birds in their possession we are powerless in the matter, while we are satisfied that many of them are more or less guilty of infractions by shooting anything they can get and smuggling it away. Also, an additional clause is urgently needed in the Game Act, making shooting of all waterfowl from hides and covers of any description, either moveable on, or fixed out in the water, illegal, and confining all such hides, covers, and other deceptions to be erected on dry ground, and all shooting of game birds on any waters to be confined to ordinary row boats and canoes.

I have found that this, or some similar addition to the Act, urgently needed to define what methods of shooting on the water are to be allowed, and what condemned. As there are so many shady devices now in use, it is very hard to tell just what is right and what is not.

The devices complained of most are hides, covers, floating blinds, masked boats, skegs or monitors, all used on the water and movable from place to place, as much as two miles from shore. Parties using the above named means get a great advantage over others who think such means should not be permitted.

During the open season for deer I was called upon to assist Mr. Willmott in his district. Proceeding to Toronto on the 29th October, and accompanying the special train provided for hunters to all main points in the hunting districts, afforded the opportunity of gaining certain valuable information relating to my work in the district, which I duly accomplished. Arriving in Orillia, I remained over there awaiting the next hunters' special. While there I made a seizure of certain game, the particulars of which I sent you at the time. The next train loaded with hunters arriving here on Monday morning, I accompanied to Gravenhurst, and taking the boat for Beaumaris, where I met Mr. Willmott we arranged our campaign for the open season, which I need scarcely say as you are aware, resulted in much good to the cause. Many of the oldest and best sportsmen also expressed themselves as being well pleased with our determination to enforce the law on all equally alike, and willingly gave any information we required. We also found the inhabitants of both town and country a unit in desiring the strictest possible enforcement of the Act for the protection of deer, moose, etc., the greatest drawback to this end being the lumber camps, whose managers purchase the deer from unprincipled pot hunters when their supplies of beef run short, as it sometimes does.

The foreign sporting element were not very numerous, and all found without licenses were promptly supplied with the same, either by myself or Mr. Willmott the particulars of which you were duly informed of at the time.

We found that deer and moose had become much more numerous this season, but this is offset by twice the number being killed and taken out of this district. I noted all the deer I saw killed and they amounted to five hundred and sixty-four, nearly all of which were sent south. There were between five and six hundred more taken and kept within this district by the inhabitants and Indians, making in all a total of nearly twelve hundred. The number of hunters this season was fully one-half more than last year. It can easily be seen that the deer cannot long stand this increased annual slaughter without becoming greatly reduced in numbers. It is the unanimous opinion of all hunters with whom I conversed, that the open season should be reduced to ten days, or the use of dogs for hounding deer prohibited. Partridge and quail remain about the same as last season, the past winter being somewhat severe on quail.

Duck, during the past winter, were very plentiful on the open waters of the Grand river, but they proved somewhat scarce at the opening of the season. Snipe, plover, and woodcock averaged about the same as other seasons, being scarce in some sections and more plentiful in others. Black squirrels were also plentiful, but the grey squirrels were scarce.

The Game Act is growing greatly in popular favor with all concerned in the preservation of game and fur-bearing animals.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. GILL,

Warden.

SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1895.

C. C. Hill	Detroit, Mich.
W. J. Highame	" "
M. M. Stanton	" "
J. B. McKay	" "
C. B. Hubert	" "
D. McLean	" "
C. H. Hutchins	" "
M. P. Hutchins	" "
J. H. Walker	" "
T. Beath	" "
S. A. Baugh	" "
G. H. Lathrop	" "
A. E. Brush	" "
J. H. McMillan	" "
H. G. Meredith	" "
W. P. Hutchins	" "
L. Curtis	Boston, Mass.
W. H. Forbes	" "
H. B. Cabot	" "
L. Cabot	" "
G. H. Richards	" "
A. Hemenway	" "
A. T. Cabot	" "
G. N. Smalley	" "
L. D. Smalley	" "
J. H. McAfie	Allegheny, Pa.
S. H. McKee	" "
H. McAfie	" "
W. Baird	" "
J. W. Davidson	" "
C. H. Voight	" "
A. M. Voight	" "
J. D. Kanrnan	Buffalo, N.Y.
D. J. Constantine	" "
D. H. McMillan	" "
W. M. Healy	" "
J. W. Grove	Pittsburg, Pa.
J. W. Collins	" "
H. B. Dickerman	New York City.
D. E. Seybie	" "
W. J. Hickney	" "
W. H. Nichols	" "
G. Baumler	Wyandotte, Mich.
B. C. Bishop	" "
H. Hathaway	New Bedford, Mass.
T. H. Hathaway	" "
J. J. Stanley	Cleveland, Ohio.
H. Hathaway	" "
C. H. Hayden	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
W. Massey	" "
2 G.F.	

 SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1895.—*Concluded.*

C. J. Hudson	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
J. S. Thompson	Tonawanda, N.Y.
W. Gomhert	" "
L. Dorieon	Oswego, N.Y.
S. C. Conde	" "
C. A. Smith	Lockport, N.Y.
D. Sage	Albany, N.Y.
J. G. Dillon	Radnor, Mass.
J. Bedore	St. Clair, Mich.
J. T. Lord	London, England.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES, 1895.

Algoma.

Anderson, Alexander	Pearl River, C.P.R.
Brown, Frank	Port Arthur.
Bole, Duncan	Sault Ste. Marie.
Black, Andrew	Richard's Landing.
Cosgrove, Geo. (care of Hugh Munro)	Port Arthur.
Emmons, John	Rat Portage.
Fraser, D	"
Geddes, Thos. R.	Jack Fish Bay.
Gilmour, Wm.	Sault Ste. Marie.
Gardiner, J.	Rat Portage.
Harris, John	Sault Ste. Marie.
Higgins, Wm.	Thessalon.
Little, J. T.	Iron Bridge.
McKewen, S. R.	Tehkummah.
McKirdy, William	Nepigon.
Piche, John	Sudbury.
Patterson, M. J.	Webbwood.
Riley, Edward	Port Arthur.
Rush, Robert	Sault Ste. Marie.
Reid, W. D.	Thompson.
Smith, Alfred Bird	Schrieber.
Whalen, Joseph	Port Arthur.
Woods, J. M.	Thessalon.
Kemp L	Silver Lake, Manitoulin Island

Addington.

Donaldson, William J	Donaldson's Mills.
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Bruce.

Armstrong, Joseph	Kinloss.
Barley, Edward	Lion's Head.
Farquharson, John	Teeswater.
Gardiner, Jno. H.	Lucknow.
Grey, Wesley	Chesley.
Henry, George	Port Elgin.
Henderson, James	Kincardine.
Heffernan, Patrick	Walkerton.
Hogg, Wm. W.	Paisley.
Lawson, W. H.	Park Head.
Millions, Robert	Walkerton.
Manly, David	Riversdale.
McKillop, Hugh	Hepworth.
McIvor, John	McIvor.
McFarlane, Duncan	Red Bay.
McDonald, Donald	Ripley.
Pratt, John	Kincardine.
Richards, Chas. A.	Tara.
Scott, John	Dyer's Bay.

Brant.

Montgomery, C. A	Brantford.
McGlaughlin, Geo. W	"
Irving, Robert P	Glenmorris

Carleton.

St George, George	Ottawa.
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Dufferin.

Durkin, Wm	Bowling Green.
Gordon, James	Monticello.
Hubbard, James J	Orangeville.
Marshall, James E	Shelburne.
Rowbotham, Wm	Redickville.
Stewart, Wm	"

Durham.

Hales, Hugh B	Port Hope.
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Dundas.

Cameron, Lachlin	Iroquois.
Price James	Inkerman.

Elgin.

Fairbrother, Wm	St. Thomas.
Fowler, Jacob	Fingal.
Hannen, Isaac	Union.
Hopkins, John	St. Thomas.
Huffinan, Jeremiah	Aylmer.
Hammond, John	"
Kirkpatrick, Donald	West Lorne.
Miller, Robert	Lawrence Station.
Neely, John R	Fingal.
Philpott, Wm. J	Iona.
Thornton, Henry	St. Thomas.

Essex.

Outago, Daniel	Petite Cote.
Banks, Anthony	Harrow.
Britt, G.	Wheatley.
Cornette, Chas. F	Belle River.
Campbell, Duncan C	Staples.
Feller, Wolfe	Walkerville.
Gignac, Hilliare	Gordon.
Gormley, John	Essex.
Holland, Hugh	Comber.
Hillman, Jonas	Hillman.

Ives, Arthur	Leamington.
King, George	Ruthven.
Lindsay, William	Comber.
Lemaitre, Seraphrim	Tecumseth.
Marters, Allios	Sandwich.
Meloche, Joseph	"
Robert, Joseph	"
Rivard, Napoleon	Tecumseth.
Soulliere, Stephen	"
White, James H.	Pelee Island.
Walker, Nol.	St. Joachim.
Louchereau, Stephen	St. Clair Siding.
Mills, Chas.	Wheatley.
Reid, R.	Blythewood.

Frontenac.

Albertson, George	Verona.
Brickwood, James H	Kingston.
Burke, Robert, jr	Clarendon Station.
Clark, Norman	Mississippi "
Darcy, Sydney W	Murvale.
Dermott, J. A	Tichborne.
Dowker, Wm. S	Harrowsmith.
Gilbert, Robert	Ompah.
Gates, George	Westbrook.
Greenwood, George	Wolfe Island.
Halliday, F	Mississippi Station
Martin, John	Barriefield.
Pallier, Alexander	Wilmur.
Snooks, Edward H	Desert Lake.
Smith, David John	Parham.
Sly, Henry	Verona.
Tryon, Levi	Sharbot Lake.
Tallon, James	Arden.
Theobald, John M	Kingston.
Vaness, Marshall	Harlow.
Walker, Nelson	Cataraqui.
Woods, J. M	Arden.
Woodman, W. G	Allen (Wolf Island).
York, E. M	Bellrock.

Grey.

Campbell, Malcolm	Hanover.
Holmes, Geo. B	Walter's Falls.
Long, William	Kolapore.
Simmons, M. H	Oxenden.
Leigman, Ludwig	Neustadt.
Wilson, Wm. H	Shouldice.
Myers, J	Orchard.
Smith, R. S	Owen Sound.

Glengarry

Clark, James	Dominionville.
Dickson, Daniels	Williamstown.
Dunn, Ambrose	South Lancaster.
McGillvray, Donald W	Dalkeith.
McNaughton, J. P.	Laggan.
McDougall, D. P.	Maxville.
McRae, Donald C	North Lancaster.
Stewart, M. W	Greenfield.
Pepin, E	Bainsville.

Hastings.

Airhart, Geo. W	Stirling.
Adams, George	Hermon.
Barr, Peter	Maynooth.
Brinklow, Henry	Ormsby.
Birrel, James	Glanmire.
Bowel, W. J.	Twed.
Faulkner, Dr. D. W	Foxboro'.
Faulkner, Dr. G. W	Stirling.
Foster, Alexander	Egan Creek.
Mairs, James H	Bridgewater.
Reid, George	Madoc.
Rupert, Thomas	Springbrook.
Stanyer, Thomas	Bancroft.
Speck, William	Bridgewater.
Sweet, W. H	Bancroft.
Sweet, W. James	"
Tivy, Richard S	Coe Hill.
Unwin, Walker	Bannockburn.
Hubbell, B. C	Madoc.

Halton.

Bradly, Stinson	Milton.
Brown, Robert M	Campbellville.
Crawford, Murray	"
Grant, Lachlin	Georgetown.
Johnson, Walter M	Milton.
Lawson, John	Acton.
Racey, C. S.	Milton.
Saunders, Edward G	Agerton.
Wilson, James	Bronté.

Huron.

Creech, James	Exeter.
Dalton, Morgan	Kingsbridge.
Gill, John	Exeter.
Horton, George	Gorrie.
Naftal, Chas. J. S	Goderich.
Paisley, Wm	Clinton.

Ross, John M	Blyth.
Sands, John	Saltford.
Seager, Charles	Goderich.
Scott, Alex	Westfield.

Haliburton.

Day, Joseph	Essonville.
Paul, Joseph	Haliburton.
Turnbull, James	Minden.

Haldimand.

Chrysler, Robert	North Cayuga.
Everingham, Wm.	Canfield.
Farrell, John	Cayuga.
Winslow, Martin	Dunnville.

Kent..

Boles, Gordon	Chatham.
Crouch, Samuel	Ridgetown.
Eberts, Frank G.	Chatham.
Johnson, W. J.	Fargo.
Gardiner, Isaac	Morpeth.
Kime, George	Big Point.
Monday, Frederic	Mitchell's Bay.
Merritt, Asra	Ouvry.
McCollum, Thomas	Morpeth.
Robertson, Victor	Chatham.
Southgate, R. M.	Wallaceburg.
Thomas, Joseph	Williams.

Lambton.

Blair, William	Port Lambton.
Bell, John	Port Franks.
Deans, James	Inwood.
Everest, G. M.	Arkona.
Huddleston, John	Forest.
Kennedy, Joseph	Port Lambton.
Miller, Frank	Port Franks.
Mott, Edwin L.	Alvinston.
Taylor, J. P.	Watford.
Mountain, H.	Walpole Island.
Sarvis, A. E.	Sarnia.

Lanark.

Deacon, Ephraim	Bolingbroke.
Farnall, William	Smith's Falls.
Mair, David	Lanark.
Kirkwood, Jas. W.	Levant Station.
Millford, R.	Carp.
Patterson, J. R.	Christie's Lake.

Leeds.

Bilton, George	Newboro'.
Gibson, John R	Mallorytown.
Lappin, J. J.	Westport.
Murchie, Robert	Wilstead.
Smith, Justus	Charleston.
Sly, Lester	Morton.
Sliter, A. E	Morton.
Stone, W	Gananoque.

Lennox.

Huff, Hiram W	Napanee.
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Lincoln.

McPherson, James	St. Ann's.
Kennedy, C. A.	Smithville.

Middlesex.

McCann, Peter	London.
Beverly, John	Dorchester Station.
Dixon, Michael	Cashmere.
McConnell, Wayland F	Gladstone.
O'Neill, W. H	Dorchester.
Ralph, Thomas J	Ballymote.
Ward, R. W	London West.
Williams, Alfred M	Lobo.
Foreman, J	Dorchester Station.

Monck.

McDowell, Andrew	Stromness.
Moore, Daniel	Perry Station.

Muskoka.

Butler, C. F	Point Kaye.
Brown, Robert D	Port Sydney.
Brooks, Edgar, jr	Huntsville.
Berry, Wm	Walker's Point.
Bettes, J. H	Muskoka Mills.
Bradley, Enos	Beaumaris.
Chapman, Chas. N	Huntsville.
Crompton, W. B	Aspdin.
Dart, Stephen	Dorset.
Davidson, E. M	Brackenrig.
Foreman, Walter	Port Carling.
Gouldie, E. J	Dwight.
Gohm, William	Bracebridge.
Grenke, Gustav	Rosseau.
Henderson, Charles	Bracebridge.

Harborn, Joseph	Whitside.
Hey, Joseph	Bracebridge.
Lawrence, John	Shannon Hall.
McLeod, John	Hammil's Point.
Paget, George	Huntsville.
Smith, J. D	Kilworthy,
Stephens, George	Shannon Hall.
Shannon, Peter	Port Carling.
Stromberg, Nelson	Wood Township.
Traves, Elias H	Fraserburg.
Taylor, C. N	Gravenhurst.
Thornton, Richard	Huntsville.
Wood, Michael	Clevelands.
Warne, Francis P	Baysville.
Wardell, John	Bracebridge.
R. T. Easton	Whitoff.
J. Hays	Parry Sound.
J. Harrison	Whitstone.
R. Smith	Golden Valley.
T. Traves	Fraserburg.

Norfolk.

Baker, Huit	Windham Centre.
Brown, Isaiah	Port Rowan.
Barret, A. P	Port Royal.
Clark, Benjamin	Simcoe.
Duncan, James L	Forestville.
Dowswell, John	Lynedoch.
Ewing, Alex. B	Waterford.
Fick, Jerome B	Port Dover.
Hambley, William E	Rockwood.
Kramer, Conrad	Delhi.
Mickenon, W. F	Simcoe.
Randall, Robert	Bookton.
Wilson, Abner	Lynedoch.

Northumberland.

Diamond, T	Cobourg.
Field, Cyrus W	Cobourg.
Fairbanks, Chas. S	Cobourg.
Merrian, H. N	Harwood.
Ninmo, T. J	Bensford.
Row, George	Carrying Place,
Wedlock, James	Bensford.
Wallace, Thomas	Gore's Landing.

Nipissing.

Armstrong, John	Haileybury.
Bard, T	Sturgeon Falls.
Garrow, E	Nipissing Junction.

Huntington, S. L.....	North Bay.
Jessup, Robert	Nipissing.
McNab, Donald	Nipissing.
Meeks, Mortimer	Whitney.

Oxford.

Cuthbert, George	Woodstock.
Huntingford, Henry.....	"
Martin Richard.....	"
Tisdale, J. E	"
Hobson, J	"

Ontario.

Bagshaw, Abed E	Vroomanton.
Frankish, F. M	Uxbridge.
Hall, Maxwell	Langford Mills.
Hadley, James	Liverpool Market.
Sniter, James	Langford Mills.
Gordon, John	Pickering.
Henery, T. S.	Cedardale.
Miller, Arthur	Seagrave.
McGrath, Michael.....	Brechin.
McMillan, D	Beaverton.
McDermott, George.....	Port Perry.
Pettit, George	" "
Sutlifil, James	Prince Albert.
Williams, Charles.....	Glen Major.
Remey, J. W.....	Dorset.

Prince Edward.

Lake, Stephen	West Lake.
Rorabeck, Athol	Crafton.
Sprague, George G.....	Demorestville.

Peterborough.

Hortley, E. J.....	Peterboro'.
Ludgate, Theodore.....	"
Lambert, Henry	Silver Lake.
Moore, F. J	Lakefield.
Moore, D. H	Peterboro'.
McWilliams, J. B	"
Smith, J. W	"
Wedlock, William.....	Keene.

Parry Sound.

Burns, C. W. sr.....	South River.
Butter, Clarence.....	Trout Creek.
Carmichael, Wm.....	Powassan.

Doupe, Sydney	Lawrence Mills.
Draycott, F. W	Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur	Seguin Falls.
French, Benjamin	Dunchurch.
Greer, A. J.	Parry Sound.
Groom, Henry	Kearney.
Hollingshead, Walter M.	Sprucedale.
Hall, Wm. H	"
Johnson, John A.	Parry Sound.
Kennedy, W. E	Magnetawan.
LeBrash, James P	Maple Island.
Mainprize, N.	Golden Valley.
Mitchell, Robert.	Cecebe.
McDonald, Arch	Sundridge.
McDermott, G. Benj	"
McGowan, Wm	Parry Sound.
McAmmond, Wm	Dunchurch.
Ricker, David.	Commanda.
Sloman, Alfred	Trout Creek.
King, J.	Parry Sound.

Prescott.

Bonville, Leon	St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barrett John	Tournier.
Cunningham, A.	Wendover.
Ferguson, Wm	Vankleek Hill.
James, Richard	Alfred.
LaBelle, Leonce.	Curran.
LeRoy, Ralph	Barb.
Lefaivre, Hercule	Lefaive.
Marston, Lewis F	L'Original.
Martineau, Joseph	Alfred.
McKercher, Peter	L'Original.
Ross, Joseph.	Vankleek Hill.
St. Pierre, Pierre.	St. Eugene.
Scott, David	Riceville.

Peel.

Rayburn, John	Caledon.
Walterhouse, Edward	Cooksville.

Perth.

Clunie, W. R.	Listowel.
Willton, R	Stratford.

Renfrew.

Brady, John	Renfrew.
Biggs, William E.	Pembroke.
Biggs, Aaron	"
Coffey, Wm	"

Halliday, James.....	Springtown.
Johnson, S. M.....	Arnprior.
Kennedy, John.....	Pembroke.
McCagherty, P.....	"
McDonald, Alex.....	"
Plaunt, Xavier.....	Renfrew.
Smith, Robert R.....	Eganville.

Simcoe.

Baker, Daniel.....	Uthoff.
Bathie, Edward.....	Cookstown.
Beardsley, Alfred W.....	Barrie.
Coombs, John.....	Lovering.
Chapman, James.....	Cookstown.
Fildey, George.....	"
Hines, John.....	Barrie.
Kearns, George.....	Ivy.
Kitchen, Joseph.....	Lovering.
Moir, John.....	Cookstown.
Mills, William.....	Elmvale.
McLaughlin, James.....	Anten Mills.
Primrose, Alex.....	Apto.
Pollock, Thomas.....	Cookstown.
Ross, Joseph.....	"
Regan, John.....	Orillia.
Rawson, Wm.....	Coldwater.
Shakell, William.....	Lovering.
Somerville, David.....	Stayner.
Upton, George.....	Nicholston.
Wilson, J. J.....	Fesserton.
Strathern, G.....	Midland.

Victoria.

Bowins, Charles.....	Coboconk.
Crowe, Nathaniel.....	Bobcaygeon.
Dewdney, Arthur W.....	"
Daniel, John.....	Balsam.
Ellis, J. A.....	Fenelon Falls.
Galloway, David.....	Moore's Falls.
Howie, John.....	Bury's Green.
Harris, Noxon.....	Bobcaygeon.
Henderson, Egerton.....	Lindsay.
Junkin, James.....	Fenelon Falls.
Lysh, William.....	Bobcaygeon.
McArthur, Donald.....	Manilla.
Nicholls, Gardner.....	Bobcaygeon.
Silverthorn, George.....	Balsam.
Ray, John.....	Kirkfield.
McArthur, A. M.....	Balsam Grove.

Welland.

Augustine, Elias.....	Stonebridge.
Barkhart, Geo	Sherkston.
Beam, Horace H	Black Creek.
Griffin, Richard	Fort Erie.
Hershby, Milford.....	Garrison Road.
Miller, Charles A.....	Black Creek.
Michener, Cyrenus.....	Ridgeway.
Neff, Peter.....	Marshville.
Nixon, J. C	Welland.
Page, A. E. O.....	Ridgeway.
Rose, Charles jr	Garrison Road.
Risley, E. E.....	International Bridge.
Teal, Irwin	Ridgeway.
Teal, C.....	"
Saner, Elias.....	Welland.

Waterloo.

Bulmer, George.....	Elmira.
Devitt, John	Waterloo.
Fraser, Alex	New Hamburg.
Gildner, Henry	Berlin.
Gillier, Peter	Galt.
Gress, Philip	Blair.
Hall, James	Hawksville.
Mengers, William	St. Jacob's.
Mayers, Frederick	Bridgeport.
Mickers, Joseph.....	Heidleberg.
McMaster Thomas.....	Hespler.
Stark, John.....	"
Springess, Joseph	Kossuth.
Gammon, W. E	Ayr.
Riddell, W.....	"
McCruden, Robt.....	Galt.

Wentworth.

Gallin, Warren	Waterdown.
Raspberry, Wm.....	West Flamboro'.
Graham, H.....	Hamilton.

Wellington.

Atkinson, George Osborn.....	Guelph.
Gay, William.....	Elora.
Gilchrist, John W.....	Kilean.
Hull, Wellington.....	Erin.
Love, James	Guelph.
Lang, George.....	Hillsburg.
McGinnis, Alex	Arkell.
Robertson, Thomas.....	Kilean.

Stewart, Donald	Creiff.
Smith, George	Eden Mills.
Stovel, Thomas	Mount Forest.
Williams, Henry M.	Guelph.
Landoni, L	Dracon.

York.

Brown, Hume	Toronto.
Hope, W. B.	"
Tidsberry, James L.	Coleman.
Kennedy, James	Toronto.

Province of Quebec.

*Cowley, E. B	Montreal.
*Finnie, Dr. J. T.	"

*These officers have been especially appointed to enforce the Game Laws on Lake St. Francis, which is partly in Ontario and partly in Quebec.

REPORT OF CASES.

REPORT OF

District or county.	Name of prosecutor.	Date, 1895.	Name of offender.	Address	Offence charged.
Wentworth	Chief Warden E. Tinsley	August 30	John Lyle.....	Hamilton	Shooting ducks in close season
		" 30	Robert Rich.....	"	"
		Nov. 26	F. Cook.....	"	Deer exposed for sale in close season ...
Muskoka ..	Warden J. H. Willmott	Jan. 26	G. Boyd.....	Mount Burton....	Hunting out of season
		" 26	J. Boyd	"	"
		" 26	H. Cameron.....	"	"
		" 26	F. Adams	"	"
		Jan. 28	T. Milne	Sterling Fall	Allowing mill rubbish to escape
		" 28	W. McKichran	Magnetawan	Allowing sawdust to escape.....
		" 28	W. McLaughlin.....	"	"
		" 28	S. Walton	"	Netting
		April 13	G. Baker	Parry Sound	Possession of moose head
		June 10	T. Code.....	Huntsville	Possession of moose meat
		" 13	Wm. Dornam	Yearley P. O.....	Hunting out of season
		Nov. 11	Henry Erickson	Berlin.....	Sunday hunting
		" 11	Henry Erickson	"	"
		" 11	Jacob Snider	"	"
Essex	Warden F. C. Qualins		Jacob Snider	"	"
			McHughs	Detroit	Shooting without license
			James McCarthy	"	"
		Mr. Phillips.....	"	"	
Hastings ..	Warden H. K. Smith ..	Jan. 11	A. Sprague	Big Island.....	Spearing muskrats in close season
		" 11	G. Sprague	"	"
			S. Smith	"	"
			B. Fox	"	"
			E. Fox	"	"
			George Boulker	"	"
			F. Boulker	"	"
		March	J. B. Clark	Maynooth	Moose meat in possession
		"	— Fouvell	"	Killing moose
		March 19	Albert Marshall ..	Coe Hill.....	Hunting deer close season
		" 19	Wm. Marshall	"	"
		" 19	James Wilson	"	"
		" 19	Patrick Finnigan ..	"	"
		" 19	Willet Gurner	"	"
		April 4	George Woodcock ..	Arden	"
		" 4	David Scott.....	"	"
		" 4	Daniel Scott.....	"	"
		" 8	Billa McCumber	Halloway	"
		May 8	J. Funnell.....	Trenton	Beaver and otter skins in possession.
		" 23	Thomas Reynolds ..	Basin Depot.....	Killing otter.....
July 7	A. Comego	Rosneath	Shooting ducks		
Sept. 24	— Kraasler.....	Rochester	Shooting without license		
" 24	— Peeters	"	"		

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Was offender, arrested or summoned	Where tried.	Name of magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or appliances seized during the season of 1895.
Summoned..	Hamilton	Judge Jelfs.....	Fined \$5 and costs.	
"	"	"	" \$5 and costs.	
"	"	"	Case dismissed ..	
"	Dunchurch	Willmott	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	" \$20	
"	"	"	" \$20	
"	"	"	" \$20	
"	Magnetawan....	"	Thirty days	
"	"	"	Dismissed	
"	"	"	"	
"	Parry Sound....	"	Fined \$20	
"	Huntsville	{ Scarlet and Willmott..... }	Dismissed	
"	Yearley	{ Wilson and Willmott..... }	"	
Arrested ..	Oakley	Willmott	Fined \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	Rifle confiscated and sold for \$3.
.....	.....	{ Crown Attorney } { Clark	Not settled	
.....	"	"	
.....	"	"	
Summoned..	Big Island	H. K. Smith.....	Fined \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	"	"	" \$5	
"	Bancroft	James Clark.....	" \$20 } costs .	
"	"	"	" \$20 }	
"	Coe Hill	Henry Johnston....	Dismissed	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Arden	H. K. Smith.....	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	" \$20	
"	"	"	" \$20	
"	Madoc	"	Dismissed	
"	Trenton	"	Fined \$50	
"	"	"	" \$25	
"	Hastings	"	Dismissed	
"	Clear Lake.....	"	Fined \$25	
"	"	"	" \$25	

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Hastings ..	Warden H. K. Smith	Nov. 21	T. Knight	Gooderbrane	Shooting deer close season
		" 21	Joshua Pickens	Irondale	"
		" 21	John Wynn	"	"
		" 21	Isaac Wynn	"	"
		" 21	Robert Maxwell	"	"
		" 21	James Hadley	"	"
		" 27	Wm. McIvor	Millbrook	"
			Fred McIvor	"	"
		Dec. 4	E. Jackson	Coboconk	Venison in posses- sion in close season
		" 4	A. B. H. Carl	"	"
		" 4	Robert Callon	"	"
		" 14	H. N. Jarman	Trenton	Selling partridges in close season
		" 17	A. Tyler .....	.....	Killing deer
			Joseph Douglas .....	.....	" .....
			Charles Mackie .....	.....	" .....
			James Watson .....	.....	" .....
			Alex. Johnson .....	.....	" .....
Algoma ...	Duncan Bole	July 18	George Orpen	Woman River ...	Fishing in trout streams with net..
		" 18	Wm. Devine	"	"
	Andrew Black	Dec. 12	W. Passlon	Mississauga	Fishing through ice
			H. Steamburge	Richard's Landing	Killing pheasant...
Bruce	J. H. Armstrong ..		C. Diboll	"	Selling deer skin out of season
		April 4	James Bloore	Bervie	Hunting deer] while crusting
		" 4	Charles Hodgins	"	"
		" 6	Sam. Armstrong	"	Hunting deer in close season while crusting
		" 7	James Portice	"	Killing deer in close season
		" 7	Sam. Colwell	"	Hunting deer in close season
		July 6	James Burns	Lucknow	Shooting partridge in close season...
		" 6	Robert McKarl	"	Putting sawdust in river
		Aug. 3	Mr. Hensberger	Mildmay	Catching b... length
		" 10	Mr. Creamer	"	"
		" 8	Mr. Ernwein	Cleveland, Ohio ..	Fishing without license
	John Farquharson	June 26	Duncan Grant	Teeswater	Fishing by torchlight
		" 27	Thomas Caslick	"	"
		" 27	James Day	"	"
		" 27	John Donaldson	"	"
		" 27	Robert Grant	"	"
		" 27	David Grant	"	"
		" 27	Graham Scott	"	"
		" 27	John Sharp	"	"
		" 27	Hugh Chisholm	"	"
		" 27	Thos. W. Small	"	"

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District or county.	Name of prosecutor.	Date, 1895.	Name of offender.	Address.	Offence charged.
Bruce	John H. Garnier..	April 23	James Burns	Lucknow	Killing two ruffed grouse
		June	Robert McCarroll	"	Putting sawdust in stream
		Aug. 1	Thomas Rossley	A Tramp	Killing a partridge..
Bruce	A. ymon.....	May 15	Wm. Willie	Unknown	Fishing speckled trout in close season
		June 27	Daniel Grant	"	Fishing by torch- light
		July 12	Duncan Grant.....	"	"
		" 12	Thomas Caslick	"	"
		" 28	Robert Grant	"	"
Dundas ...	James Price	" 28	Robert Grant	"	"
		" 16	Alf. Caslick	"	"
		June 29	Joseph A. Seymour...	Inkermann	Shooting muskrat in April
Dundas ...	James Price	July 3	Wm. B. Marquette ...	"	"
		July 3	Thomas Barkley.....	"	"
		July 3	Thomas Barkley.....	"	"
Frontenac.	J. H. Brickwood..	May 4	S. Rider.....	Washburn.....	Breaking rat houses.
		" 4	S. Rider	"	Catching rats on Sunday
		Sept. 7	H. Richardson	Kingston	Found on hunting ground with gun..
		" 7	H. Wartmann.....	"	"
Frontenac.	Levi Tyron	Dec. 14	John Lee	Township of Oso..	Selling muskrat skins
		Aug. 17	R. Jackson	Verona	Duck-shooting.....
		Oct. 10	E. Ashley.....	"	In pursuit of deer...
Essex	Allios Master	" 18	George Mair	Windsor	Shooting ducks out of season
Essex	Anthony Banks ..	October	Edward Duncan	Vereker	Sunday shooting....
		"	James Deslippe.....	Amherstburg	"
		"	Chas. Foudry	Vereker	"
		"	Alonzo Durham	Amherstburg	"
Grey	Malcolm Campbell	"	Denis Robidoux	"	"
		March 27	Joe Breenan.....	Chesley	Shooting and killing insectivorous birds.
		June 20	Phil Hoffman	Neustadt	Sunday fishing
Grey	Ludwig Siegmann	" 20	F. Westenhofer.....	"	"
		Nov. 15	Abelson Unger	Moltke	Sunday hunting
Haliburton	James Turnbull ...	Nov. 16	James Workman	Minden	Killing partridge out of season
		" 16	Andrew Morris.....	"	"
Huron	John Gill.....	Jan. 7	Chas. Swallow	Woodham	Killing deer.
		" 12	Jos. Lawson	Crediton	In pursuit of game..
		July 24	Wm. Ward	Fullerton	Killing quail

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Summoned..	Kinlough	Mr. Simons	Convicted, fined \$5 and costs	I have prevented various parties and warned them of the consequences of settling stakes for traps and nets and using these unlawful means.
"	"	"	Fined \$10 and costs.	
He ran away and was not chased .....	.....	.....	.....
Summoned..	Riversdale	A. Symon	Fined \$10, \$5 to go to complainant and \$5 to Prov. Treas.	I destroyed three spile nets and two hoop nets in Rideau Canal, fishing illegally, but did not catch the owners.
"	"	"	Fined \$5	
"	"	"	Fined \$10	
"	"	{ A. Symon and }	"	
"	"	{ W. R. Thomp- }	"	
"	"	{ son	"	
"	"	A. Symon	"	
"	"	"	Fined \$5	
Pleaded guilty with- out summons	Inkerman	John Sullivan	Fined \$5 and costs ..	
"	"	"	" ..	
"	"	"	" ..	Nov. 12, seized 14 rat traps and sank them.
Summoned..	Portsmouth	D. T. Walker	" ..	
"	" ..	"	" ..	
"	" ..	"	" ..	
"	" ..	"	" ..	
"	" ..	"	Fined \$2 and costs ..	
"	Verona	A. Grant	Di-missed	
"	"	"	Fined \$5 and costs ..	
"	Windsor	A. Bartlett	" ..	
"	Harrow	John Richmond ..	Fined \$5	
"	"	" ..	" ..	Nov. 12, seized 14 rat traps and sank them.
"	"	" ..	" ..	
"	"	" ..	" ..	
"	"	" ..	" ..	
"	"	" ..	" ..	
"	"	" ..	" ..	
"	Hanover	John Proctor	Fined \$2 and costs ..	
"	Neustadt	Charles Heise	" \$5 " ..	
"	"	"	" \$5 " ..	
"	"	"	" \$5 " ..	
"	Minden	Wm. Fielding	" \$5 " ..	Nov. 12, seized 14 rat traps and sank them.
"	"	"	" \$5 " ..	
"	Exeter	Charles Snell	" \$25 and costs \$5	
"	"	Wm. Lawson	Case not proven ..	
"	"	J. L. Russell	Fined \$5	

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Leeds	George Bilton	July 20	H. A. Laing	Newboro'	Putting deleterious substance in water
		Nov. 14	Wm. Graham	"	Trapping muskrats illegally
		" 16	A. W. Merriman	Elgin	Shooting deer out of season
		" 23	Wm. Stedman	Plumbhollow	Muskrat skin in possession out of season
		" 23	Robert Kimberly	Portland	Selling muskrat out of season
		" 23	Lewis W. Brown	Elgin	Shooting deer out of season
		Dec. 5	John Graham	Newboro'	Trapping muskrats illegally
Lennox ...	H. W. Huff	Jan. 3	Geo. Snider	Napanee	Infringing game laws
		" 3	Stanley Clapp	"	"
		Dec. 19, '94	Seth Bruser	"	"
		Feb. 2	Henry Lindsay	"	"
		May 4	A. C. Parks	"	"
		" 7	Archie Avery	"	"
		June 8	Albert Post	"	"
Lambton ..	Albert E. Jarvis.	Oct. 29-30	Geo. Bounah	Port Huron	Duck-shooting without license and from a sailboat ...
Muskoka ..	Michael Woods...	Dec. 27, '94	Doolittle & Co	Freeman Township	Having deer out of season
		" 28	"	"	Deer out of season ..
		" 29	John Kelly	Medorn	Killing caribou
Muskoka ..	W. B. Crompton.	Jan. 29	Wm. Ratlem	Humphrey	Deer out of season ..
		Nov. 16, tried Dec. 12	C. T. Simcox	Aspdin	Killing deer out of season
Muskoka ..	Walter Foreman..	Jan. 18	P. M. Shannon	Port Carling ..	Netting
		" 16	E. More	"	Herring in possession
		Nov. 16	A. Goshe	Uxbridge	Sunday hunting
		" 16	R. Greig	Foot's Bay	"
Muskoka ..	John Lawrence...	June 13	W. Quinn	Camp 4	"
		" 19	"	Yearley	Killing a moose
		" 13	W. Romain	Ashmorth	Hunting deer
		" 19	Ernest Romain	"	Killing deer
Muskoka ..	C. N. Chapman..	Oct. 12	"	"	"
Muskoka ..	Elias N. Traves..	May 19	John O'Heir	Bracebridge	Sunday fishing
		" 19	John Leeds	"	"
		June 6	"	"	"
		May 3	Henry Palmer	"	Sunday hunting
		Nov. 3	Frank Haight	Barrie	"
		" 3	Richard Appleby	Bracebridge	"
		" 21	"	"	"

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"	Newboro'	J. A. Shaver	\$4 and costs paid to Dominion Gov.	Six skins sent to H. K. Smith, Belleville.
"	"	"	\$5 and costs	
Complaint laid	"	"	\$20 "	
Summoned	"	"	\$5 "	
Complaint laid	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$20 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
Summoned	Napanee	James Daly	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
Arrested	Sarnia	W. J. Proctor	\$5 " \$4.40	
Search war- rant	Port Carling	P. M. Shannon	No case	
Summoned		"	Convicted	
Search war- rant		"	No case	
Summoned		"	Convicted	
"	Aspdin	A. Sproal	Case proved but judg- ment deferred	
"	Bracebridge	Judge McHaffie	\$10 and costs	
"	"	"	Dismissed	
"	Port Sandfield	G. F. Buttler	\$10 and costs	
"	"	"	\$5 "	
"	Port Carling	{ P. M. Shannon } { L. S. Wallace }	Lost	
"	Ashmorth	James Wilson	Not settled	
"	Shannon Hall	"	Dismissed	
"	Ashmorth	{ James Wilson } { J. H. Willmot }	"	
"	Shannon Hall	James Wilson	"	
Arrested	Bracebridge	James Boyer	\$2 and costs	Number of night lines and nets seized and destroyed.
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	Fined \$5 and costs	Shot a hound running deer.
"	"	"	"	Seized one rifle, confiscated, \$2.50
"	"	"	"	Seized one gun, confiscated, \$2.50
"	"	"	"	Seized one rifle, confiscated, \$2.50
"	"	"	"	Seized two beaver traps, have them still in possession.

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Muskoka ..	C. F. Butler.....	Nov. 13	Edward Moore	Uxbridge	Hunting on Sunday
		" 13	Alfred Gostrick	Foot's Bay	"
		" 13	Norman Thompson ..	Orillia	"
		" 13	Robt. Craig	Gravenhurst.....	"
Middlesex ..	R. W. Ward	April 21	Alf. Gregory	London West	Spearing fish at mill dam
		" 21	Edward Borland.....	"	"
		" 21	Wm. Borland	"	"
Northumberland..	Thomas Diamond.	May 2	Jas. Elliott	Rosemeath	Having fish in possession during close season
Nipissing..	Mortimer Meeks..	October 6	Jno. Matthews	Whitney	Sunday hunting
		" 6	Jas. Martin	No address	"
		" 6	Peter White	"	"
		" 19	John Fitzgerald	Whitney	Obstructing me in discharge of duty
		" 23	John Dilinage.....	Almonte	Killing deer out of season
		" 23	John Bowell.....	"	"
		" 23	D. Davies.....	Ottawa	"
		" 24	Jas. Clark.....	"	Sunday hunting
		" 30	John Fitzgerald	Whitney	Having fur illegally in possession.
		Dec. 19	Geo. Palley	"	Sunday shooting....
Ontario ..	Matthew Frankish	" 19	Jos. Lagree	"	"
		Nov. 20	.....	.....	.....
		Jan. 5	Jabez Wright	Uxbridge	Illegal fishing
Ontario ..	Jas. Hadley.....	" 5	John Cowan	"	"
		May 30	Unknown	Toronto	Shooting
		June 29	A. Booth	Dunbarton	Having ducks in possession out of season
		" 29	Wm. Cowan.....	Rose Bank	Having gun in his possession where there was game ..
		July 6	Wm. Chester	Pickering	Shooting one duck ..
		"	Fred. Stoner	Liverpool market..	Shooting at ducks ..
		"	Geo. Stoner	"	Shooting at plovers .
		"	Ed. Stoner	"	"
		"	John Marks	Toronto	"
		"	James Gordon.....	Pickering	Having guns in their possession and pursuing duck
Oxford	Richard Martin ..	"	John Avis.....	Toronto	"
		April 23	John Neill.....	Woodstock	Illegal fishing
		" 23	John Neill.....	"	Having fish in his possession
		" 23	Edgar Nickerson	"	Fishing trout out of season
Prescott ..	David Scott.....	" 23	Edgar Nickerson	"	For having eleven trout in his possession
		" 5	Dan. Harkin	Fournier	Dogs pursuing deer during close season
		" 12	Amos Thram	Rosneath	Shooting ducks
Peterboro'.	Wm. Wedlock....	" 12	Percy Trower	Cobourg	"
		" 13	Robt. Franklin	Rosneath	"
		" 13	Ebenezer Comego	"	"
		" 13	Thomas Douglas.....	"	"

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Summoned	Pt. Sandfield ..	C. F. Butler	Fined \$10 and costs.	
"	" ..	"	Fined \$5 and costs..	
"	" ..	"	Did not attend to summons, so warrant of arrest was issued but has not been returned as yet
"	London West ..	R. T. Lacey	{ Sentence suspended as the offenders were under the age of 14 years .. }	The spears were seized by me and ordered by the court to be destroyed.
"	" ..	"		
"	" ..	"		
"	Cobourg	J. H. Dumble	Fined \$5 and costs..	
Arrested ..	Whitney	W. Christy	Fined \$5	Seized one gun delivered to W. Christy.
" ..	"	"	"	"
" ..	"	"	"	"
" ..	"	"	"	"
Summoned	Eagon estate....	Wm. McKay	Fined \$10	Seized four partridges, gave them to a destitute family. Seized one Winchester rifle, one quarter of venison and one deer skin. Delivered them to Wm. McKay, J.P.
"	"	"	
"	"	"	Non suited	
"	"	"	Charge proven but not fined	Seized a small pack of muskrat skins, re-taken possession of by Fitzgerald.
"	"	"	Fined \$5	
"	"	"	Failed to convict, lack of evidence ..	Destroyed a number of wire snares set for deer.
.....
Summoned	Uxbridge	Ed. Campher	Suspended sentence.	
"	"	"	"	
Arrested ..	Dunbarton	G. Parker	\$5 fine	
Summoned	"	"	Dismissed with costs	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	Case withdrawn	
"	"	"	\$5 and costs	
"	"	"	Case withdrawn	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Did not appear ..	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	Woodstock	G. C. Field	Dismissed	Seized one net, have same in my possession.
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	Fined \$10	
"	"	"	Fined \$11	
"	Riceville	J. Moffatt	Fined \$20	
Settled	Cobourg	H. K. Smith	Fined \$15	Confiscated nineteen ducks, sent them to the hospital.
"	"	"	"	
Summoned	Hastings	"	Fined \$5 and costs..	
"	"	"	Discharged	
"	"	"	"	

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Parry Sound...	A. Sloman	August	Not known	Toronto ..	Having deer skins ..
" ..	J. A. Johnson	August	"	"	Illegal fishing
" ..	C. W. Burns	June 24	John Goode	South River	Sunday fishing
" ..	F. W. Draycott ..	Jan. 18	Henry Bishton ..	Ashdown	Deer hunting out of season
			Wm. Evans	"	"
			John Tracey	"	"
..	A. J. Greer	April 13	Fred Baker	Parry Sound	Moose head in possession
		August 5	J. C Hardy	"	Sunday fishing
		" 5	Wm. Brooks	"	"
		Dec. 30	John Fletcher	McKellar	Hunting out of season
		" 30, '94	John Tait	"	Running dogs out of season
		October 25	Frank Lefer	Parry Sound	Killing deer out of season
..	R. R. Smith	Dec. 21	Thomas Granberger ..	Restoul ..	Killing moose
			Michael Mullen	Nipissing	Having deer in possession
..	N. Mainprize	March 20	Rob. Robertson ..	Loring	Moose head in possession
..	Robert Mitchell ..	Jan. 28	John Milne	Stirling Falls ..	Putting sawdust in stream ..
		" 28	Neil McEacheran ..	Magnetawan ..	"
		" 28	Wm. McLaughlin ..	"	"
		" 28	S. Walton	"	Net fishing
		" 28	Wm. McClelland ..	Dundurch	Shooting moose ..
		Dec. 18	Frank Labrash	"	Killing deer and running dogs out of season and selling venison. {
			Charles Labrash	"	
			Edwin Taylor	"	
		" 18	Joseph Simpson	Almic Harbor ..	Sunday shooting, November 3.
" ..	J. P. Labrash	February	W. Leitch ..	Whitestone	Running dogs
		"	M. Hanlon	"	"
		"	L. Dowrin	Maple Island ..	Killing deer
		Nov. 14	S. Calvert	Dunchurch	"
		Dec. 17	E. Taylor	"	Using deer in camp ..
		" 17	C. Labrash	Maple Island ..	Running dogs and hunting deer
		" 17	F. Labrash	"	Selling venison
Simcoe	David Somerville ..	Sept. 1	Joseph Aston	Collingwood	Shooting ducks on Sunday
Simcoe	Daniel Baker	Jan. 5	Sam. Jennings	Foxmead ..	Killing deer out of season
		" 5	James Brown	"	Running dogs out of season
		" 5	Aaron Stewart	"	"
		" 5	Donald Cameron ..	Rugby ..	"
		Feb. 1	Herbert Vick	Orillia	Sunday hunting
			August Moore	Foxmead	Killing deer out of season

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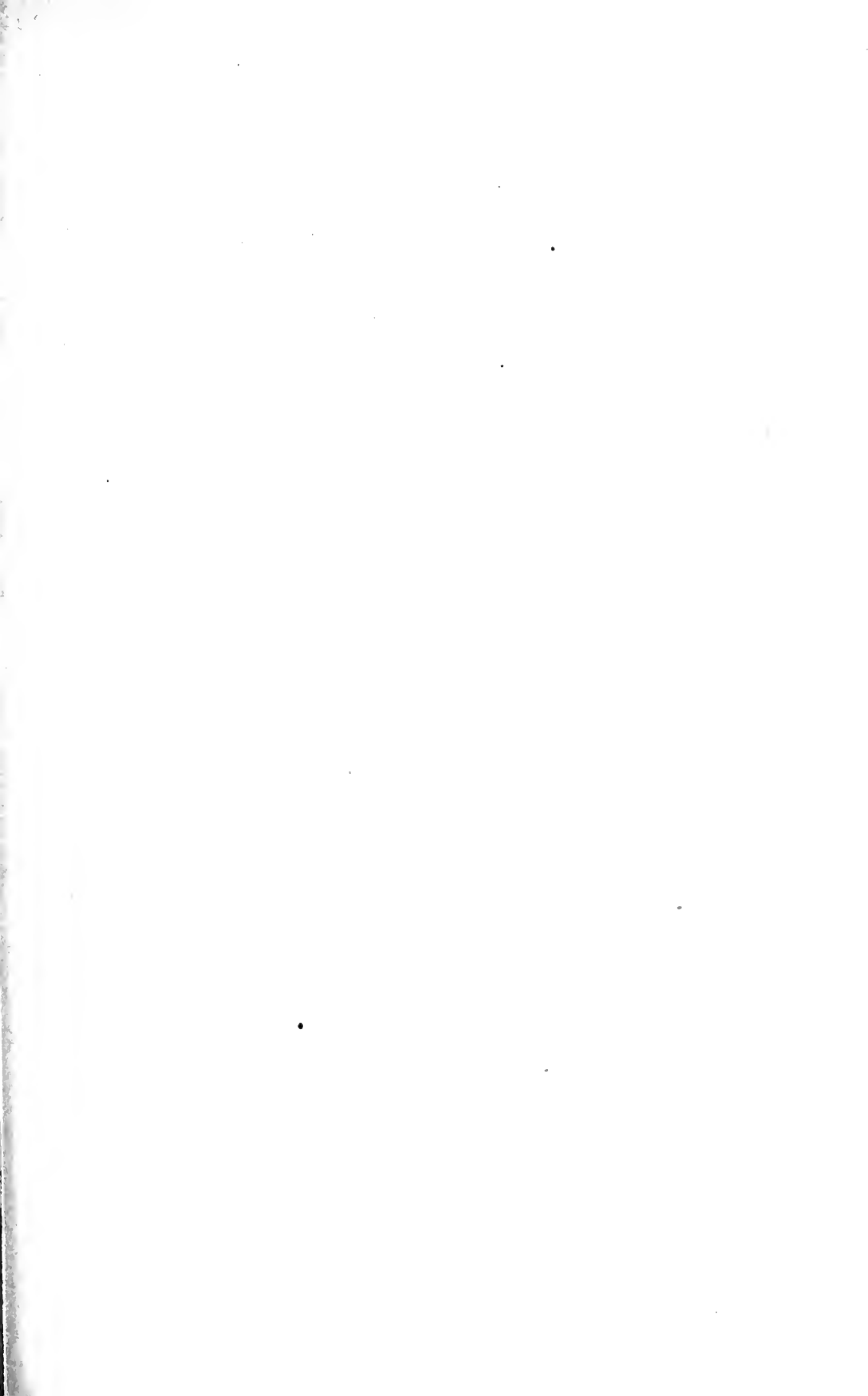
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				Seized a bundle of hides at station comprising of: 13 deer skins, 10 sheep and 1 calf skin. Sold the lot for \$6.50, of which I sent Mr. Willmott, the rest being my expenses. Seized one trap net. Seized one gill net.
Summoned	South River....	Richard Cole	Fined \$5 and costs..	
"	Rosseau	James Wilson	Fined \$20 and costs.	
"	"	"	"	
"	Parry Sound....	J. H. Willmott	Fined \$20	Seized two nets, sold one for \$3, sent half proceeds to J. H. Willmott and half for expenses. Handed the other net to J. A. Johnston, fish overseer. Owner not known.
"	"	J. H. Farrier	" \$5, not paid..	
"	"	"	" \$5, " ..	
"	McKellar	J. H. Willmott	Dismissed	
"	"	" ..	"	
"	Parry Sound ...	J. Farrier	Fined \$20	
"	Restoul	A. N. McCambel.	Not proven	
"	Golden Valley..	Alex. Smith.....	"	
Arrested ...	Loring	C. K. Arthur	Imprisonment for 2 months	
Summoned	Magnetawan ...	{ Edgecombe, Willmott. }	30 days in jail.....	I seized and destroyed two nets, one on Cebele Lake, July 9, and one on Horn Lake, September 12.
"	"	"	Found not guilty...	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	J. H. Willmott ..	Pleaded guilty, fined \$50	
"	Did not appear.	Wm. Robertson ..	.....
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	Dundurch	" ..	Not guilty, each to pay their own costs	
"	Ahmic Harbour.	Joseph Hunter ..	Dismissed	
"	"	"	"	
"	Dundurch	Wm. Robertson ..	Fined \$40	
"	Ahmic Harbour.	Joseph Hunter ..	" \$60	
"	"	" ..	{ \$20 and cost each .	
"	"	" ..		
"	Settled without trial.....	H. Allan	Fined \$20 and costs.	In march, 1895, seized about 200 feet of nets set under the ice in Jack's Lake. Sold them by auction for \$1.
"	Orillia.....	{ G. J. Booth R. J. Sanderson J. H. Millmott }	Fined \$5 and costs— \$15.85 in all.....	
"	"	"	} Fined \$20 and costs each, amounting to \$25.85 each...	
"	"	"		
"	"	"	Fined \$5 and costs..	
"	"	"	\$20 and costs	

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Victoria...	Egerton Henderson	April 4
		" 20
		July 9
Victoria ..	David Galloway ..	Nov. 20	Robt. Oswald	Kinmount.....	Killing deer in close season.....
		"	Dennis Ellis.....	Norland.....	Killing deer in close season.....
		"	R. J. Bolt.....	Kinmount.....	Killing beaver.....
		" 5	F. Cooper.....	Norland.....	Killing deer in close season.....
		"	C. Woodcock	"	Having deer in possession in close season.....
		"	F. Gortlin.	Head Lake	Having deer in possession in close season.....
		"	D. McRae.....	Cobocconk	Having deer in possession in close season.....
Waterloo..	John Devitt.....	May 3	Jacob Groff	Waterloo	Using illegal appliances for catching speckled trout....
		" 24	"	"	Catching speckled trout under length
		Sept. 22	"	"	Using illegal contrivance for catching trout
		Oct. 13, 14	"	"	Catching trout out of season.....
		" 27	Philip Hick	Bridgeport	Sunday shooting. ..
		"	Philip Koerber	"	"
		"	George Koerber	"	"
		Nov. 3	"	"	"
		"	Philip Heck	"	"
		"	Philip Koerber	"	"
York.....	Jas. Kennedy	Nov. 23	Harry Haines	422 Spadina Ave..	Exposing venison for sale
		"	Alfred Piddington. .	400 " ..	Exposing venison for sale
		"	J. B. Davidson	287 College street.	Exposing venison for sale
		" 27	Wm. Schubert.....	154 Brunswick Av.	Exposing venison for sale
		Dec. 24	J. Briton & Son.....	381 Yonge street..	Exposing hares for sale
		"	Alfred Deacon.....	696 " ..	Exposing hares for sale
		"	S. Jones.....	30 Queen street w.	Exposing hares for sale
		"	J. C eghorn & Son...	94 Yonge street ..	Exposing grouse for sale

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.....	Seized six traps set in rat house and still hold them, also ten traps belonging to Indians, and returned them on condition they would not break any more houses.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized two spears, owners making escape
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized one gill net, have spears and net in my possession still.
Summoned	Minden	Wm. Fielding	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	Dismissed	
"	Coboconk	H. E. Smith	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	Fined \$20	
"	"	"	Fined \$20	
Summoned..	Berlin	John A. Mackie..	Fined \$2 and costs..	
"	"	"	Dismissed	
"	"	"	Fined \$10 and costs.	
"	"	"	Appealed	Seized illegal contrivance, have it in my possession.
"	"	"	Fined \$20 and costs.	
"	"	"	Appealed	
"	"	"	Fined \$5 and costs..	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
No action taken yet.	Result of these cases will appear in Report for 1896.	In addition to the above a large number of nets and illegal contrivances have been destroyed by deputy wardens, in localities where no other disposition could be made of them.



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His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario :

SIR,—Your Commissioners beg herewith to present the seventh annual report of the work done during the year in the Department entrusted with the protection, propagation and preservation of the game and fish of the Province.

Besides the report of the Commissioners we also herewith give the reports of the Chief Warden and Wardens who are appointed to see that the law is enforced. We are pleased to find that they have to the best of their ability been earnest and faithful in the discharge of their duty, and have succeeded in doing a great deal of good work.

During the year we have found that some changes in the law are being proposed by sportsmen and others, and there are a few changes which we your Commissioners feel should take place. These we will place before your Government leaving it to them who are the representatives of the people to decide whether they shall be incorporated in the law. Many of these changes have been urged by us before as being absolutely necessary before we can say that our Game laws are near perfection. It is true, nevertheless, that we have perhaps the most advanced Game laws on the Continent, and it is interesting and very pleasing to know that other adjoining States are evidently vieing with us as to which shall be most advanced. In order to keep abreast of the improved opinion of the public and to keep pace with other States, we must ask the Government to meet our views in what we recommend. To give some idea of the trend of thought in these matters, we would like to draw attention to the proceedings of a very important representative meeting which took place in Chicago on December 12th, 1898. It was the meeting of the Committee chosen last February by the proper authorities of the States of North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. This Committee was to report on a uniform set of game laws for the above States. It represented the best talent and thought in these matters in these several States, and evidently the best points in outside laws were considered and adopted and every effort will be put forth to have them made the law. Among the most noteworthy advances towards game preservation adopted were the abolition of Spring Shooting, the adoption of a license law for the killing of all game and fish, the provision that all game and fish legally killed should have an official coupon or tag attached to it, the adoption of a close season from October 15th to November 30th in each year for Whitefish and Salmon, Trout—the regulation of the size of the fish which may be taken—the requiring all packages said to contain game or fish for transportation to be so constructed as to show their contents, and each package to be labelled with the address of the consignor or owner—that no common carrier shall take charge of such package unless so prepared—that all officers entrusted with the enforcement of the law shall have the right to

search for and examine any parcel or package in the possession of any common carrier, that all such officers are Agents of the State whose property all fish and game is, therefore they have the right to follow wherever it may be illegal game or fish shipped from one to the other States, that cold storage of all game shall be prohibited after the close season, that the close season for deer shall be from November 20th to November 1st of the following year. These are the principal advanced ideas backed up by the proposal to make all these laws uniform for so many States, a great improvement on the condition of things existing there now, and it would be well if all the Northern States would make their laws uniform with those of each other as well as with those of Ontario and Quebec, for then there would be no doubt as to the law in any particular locality and in this way much of the illegal taking and marketing of game could be checked.

The cold storage of Game is a question fraught with a great deal of difficulty for in that is the greatest inducement for killing game out of season and in greater quantity than would be killed otherwise, because of the facility of preserving it for use during possibly a whole year and of its being marketed during all that time. The great cold storage facilities in New York and Chicago affect almost every part of Northern America. Large quantities of Game of Ontario undoubtedly reach New York in spite of our laws, because it may now be packed in closed packages and labelled anything but what it is. Even such awkward things to pack as moose and deer heads are split and packed closely, and our transportation companies carry them apparently without knowing what they are. If such articles were forced to be packed in open crates, the difficulty would probably cease to a great extent, especially if our protective officers had the right to search for illegal game or fish wherever hidden.

In our Report of 1897 we ventured to speak of some grievances which the law, as it is, fails to provide for, and we recommended that provision should be made for them, but owing to pressure of other business nothing was done by the Government. We now respectfully ask that your Government may see its way at the ensuing Session to further complete its work by enacting such clauses in the law as will tend to correct the faults complained of and in doing so we ask that they may consider the report of last year as well as this.

We are probably expected to speak of the Game of the Province and what effect the law is having upon the supply. We can speak positively with respect to deer. There is not the slightest doubt from all reports but that the supply is largely in the increase, for hunters and others report them very plentiful and appearing in districts where they before were not commonly seen. In order to get at some definite knowledge of the number of deer killed during the late open season, and of the value of the traffic to the carrying companies, those companies were asked to keep a record of the data necessary. The Canadian Express Company report that during the late open season they carried 1,754, deer weighing 182,618 pounds and derived a revenue therefrom of \$1,500. The Dominion Express Company did not carry so many but we estimate that, counting those killed by the settlers and others not carried by any of the transportation companies, at least 4,000 deer were killed this year during the 15 days' open season.

Although we have had unparalleled success with the deer law since the license section was adopted, yet much remains to make it complete. The coupon system has been very successful, both in raising a revenue and in protecting the game, chiefly on account of the situation of the deer districts. They are so remote and only accessible by boat or rail that when we prohibited the carriage of deer without a coupon attached the law became master of the situation. However, with this section of the law we do not reach that portion of the people residing in

or near the deer districts and there is too much reason to suspect that deer are killed during the close season to a certain extent by those who are not settlers in unorganized townships, or in actual want of food themselves or families, and there are rumors that even yet the lumber camps are kept supplied with moose and deer meat and some of them have been heard to boast that their meat for the camps does not cost them two cents per pound. These camps have always been a great drain upon the game supply of the country and some provision should be made to see that the grievance is stopped. Owing to the vastness of the territory, the difficulty of moving about and the ridiculously few Wardens we fear the fact remains that numerous infractions of the law do and must go unheeded under the present system. Your Commission has long ago come to the conclusion that the Deputy Game Warden system is a failure for various reasons, but chiefly because the deputy has no inducement to prosecute his neighbor if he catches him breaking the law and your Commission is not supplied with sufficient money to enable them to direct that the law be more stringently enforced. We wish to propose, in order to make the law more efficient, another scheme, that of licensing and registering guides, so that the large number of men throughout the country who act as guides to foreigners, and others in their fishing and hunting excursions shall be men well qualified for the duties, and who having been recommended by at least two responsible persons, and, having got their licenses from the Department and paid a fee of \$1.00 shall be entitled to be registered as skillful and qualified guides. It may be that in the future they shall be required to undergo an examination in order to ensure that he who holds a Government license must be a steady, reliable and skillful guide to whom a stranger may entrust himself in the sometimes perilous hunting or fishing excursions which are undertaken. These men can then afford to take time to post themselves with reference to the haunts of game or fish in the section where they propose to hunt, so that they may be successful and give satisfaction to their patrons. In doing this they will be sure to watch the game and fish more or less from a selfish interest if from no other motive and will thus prove the best possible game wardens. The guides will have charge as it were of the whole Province because on the existence in fair quantity of the game will depend their employment during the hunting season, and it will be to their interest to prevent destruction during the close season or wasteful killing during the open season. This system of licensing and registering guides has been in existence in Maine for two years and Mr. L. T. Carleton, Chairman of the Commission of Inland Fisheries and Game of Maine, in an address to the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association at Kineo, July 12th, 1898, says: "We have now 1,700 licensed registered guides in Maine, and of the wisdom and usefulness of the system I cannot speak too highly. It is the rock and sure foundation upon which we must build for fish and game protection in this State. If we are to have protection in fact and not in theory only; if we are to have the laws enforced which we ourselves have made, as we all admit the laws of the land should be enforced, it must come through this channel. The registered guide will in the future come more and more into prominence and an important personage. There is a great field of usefulness, under their influence and example and effort vast good or vast harm may be done. I am no prophet but I venture the prediction that the time is not far distant when all of the fish and game laws will be administered through the instrumentality of the first-class registered guides." Again in the Report of the Commissioners of Game and Fish for Maine for 1898 they say: "We think that every person authorized by the State to act as a guide for others to take the State's property, its fish and game, should be compelled to observe carefully all the laws and render the Commissioners and

Wardens all the service in their power by information or otherwise, in fact should be fish and game protectors, and no person should be permitted to be a guide who will not do this. It can be readily seen that with this large number of persons directly interested in aiding in the enforcement of the fish and game laws a much better system of Wardenship would be carried on, in fact those who are most conversant with the question of game protection in Maine strongly believe that without a system of laws requiring the registration of guides and prescribing certain duties for them to perform to the State, it will be practically impossible to do very much to protect game more than the enactment of restrictive laws. It has been said on the part of timber land owners of the State, that all non-residents who come to Maine to hunt or camp in the forests should be compelled to hire registered guides to accompany them during their trips through the woods." This is presumably to prevent the occurrence of extensive fires owing to neglected camp fires such as building them in improper places and in not extinguishing them before leaving the camping ground. A skillful guide would also teach many ignorant hunters how to handle their guns so as to prevent accidents, they would also prevent many hunting parties from loss of time—worse by being lost in the wilderness.

It is certain that by rendering the fish and game of our country more plentiful we increase vastly the number of those foreigners and others who annually spend a large portion of each season in our country, to our great advantage. Not only do we gain by the money left by them in our country, but often the visits of monied men is followed by large investments in mining or timber properties or other industries. So that through the influence of our game interests vast good may accrue to the country. Each year that tide of health and pleasure seekers is increasing, and will increase, and there is no reason whatever why our Province should not receive as large a share as any State on the continent; in fact, we should have every inducement for those to the south of us to spend their holidays in our country. To give some idea of the extent of this pleasure seeking by wealthy persons during the proper season, the Chief Game and Fish Commissioner of Maine, Mr. L. T. Carleton, speaking before the Fishery Congress at Tampa, Florida, in February, 1897, said: "Ten thousand citizens of other States during the open season last year, now just closed, came to Maine to fish and shoot, employed over 1,500 registered guides, skilled guides, and spent four millions of dollars among our people, and killed 10,000 deer, 250 Moose, 230 Caribou and 160 bears, while six million more dollars were spent there by non-residents last year, by visitors to our seashore and inland summer resorts, making ten millions of dollars expended in Maine last year by non-residents for pleasure." We too get our share of this class of pleasure seekers, evidenced by the constantly increasing number of summer residences which are being built by Americans each year along the shores of our beautiful lakes and rivers; and when we consider the immense amount of money necessarily spent among our people by these wealthier classes, it becomes our duty to render our country as attractive as possible, and we, your Commissioners, think that in order to do this more money should be spent each year in encouraging an increased supply of fish and game, which always affords such an attraction to tourists and pleasure seekers, no matter from what country they may come. We have a better country than Maine, just as good or better waters for fish if the stock were kept up as in Maine, and our forests are equally as well stocked with game. There is, consequently, no reason why we should not attract to our shores as large a number of visitors and derive as great a monetary advantage.

Your Commissioners are pleased to know that a public sentiment in favor of our game laws is becoming very evident, and it is the duty of every enterprising

citizen to use his influence in disseminating that sentiment, for upon it much depends. Some of our politicians fear to mention the matter on the public platform, fearing that some may think the game laws opposed to their interests, and that any one advocating them is against the interests of the agricultural classes, but nothing could be farther from the truth. If those politicians would inform themselves of the real state of things, they would find that already the game laws are yielding quite a respectable surplus over all expenses. This ought to be very satisfactory, for if the protection and preservation of the game yields a cash profit, it is very different from many other States. Maine, for instance, made a grant of \$25,000 to protect its game for the last year, and it costs New York for the management of its fish and game \$85,000 per annum, and other States in proportion. Under these circumstances, we think that your Government should allow the whole revenue derived in the working of the Act to be devoted to the interests of game by affording more protection. We also think that a certain amount of money could very judiciously be spent in properly re-stocking, with desirable fish, many of those small lakes and rivers in the North, which, during much of the summer season, attract so many desirable visitors. Those waters, through wasteful methods of fishing, and through the absence of any proper system of re-stocking, are becoming depleted of the fish with which they formerly teemed. We have in that Northern country the most interesting and charming scenery, the most delightful and health-giving air and water, invigorating beyond anything else on the continent, and which is fast becoming appreciated by our Southern neighbors and is being taken advantage of by them in increasing numbers each year; but if we allow to vanish the attractions of game and fish which lend such charms to an outing for both old and young, and which affords them healthful recreation, then we voluntarily deprive that Northern country of one of its great sources of revenue. This is speaking from the hard financial side of the question, and without mentioning the many charming social ties constantly being formed with the most desirable class of our neighboring cousins across the lakes.

That man is an enemy to his country and an enemy to society who wantonly, carelessly and thoughtlessly destroys either the fish or game or birds of the country, and it has gone beyond argument that it is the duty of the Government to enforce such laws as will tend to restore as nearly as may the primitive and boundless plentitude of these most interesting objects of nature. Since it has been shown that this can be done without any great cost to the community, or even that the indirect benefits far more than counter balance the cost, it would seem that the Government should take further steps for making the laws more efficient and for enforcing them in a more effective manner. If by these means we increase the number of our birds, we increase the number and interest of the profitable visitors who each year come to our shores, we increase the pleasure and improve the health of our own people, we increase vastly the revenue of our agricultural and fruit growing classes and thus do incalculable good to the country. If we increase the number of our fish almost the same argument will hold, and we your Commissioners think that these sentiments should be taught in our schools by every father to his child and on every occasion that any one has the opportunity to do so, for we consider that no greater field exists for doing good. Much depends upon education, this is shown by a letter received by one of the Commissioners from a very prominent lawyer in New York who each summer comes north with his family. In it he requested the privilege and almost demanded it as a right that he should be allowed to kill what deer and partridge he needed for use at his cottage. Surely this indicated either a want of education in game matters or thoughtlessness. This brings up the point whether summer tourists should be

allowed to take game with them to their camps. We have too much reason to think that they are actually used in providing the camps with game at a time when nothing may be shot legally except vermin.

Moose.

Moose and caribou are said to be largely on the increase in spite of the report that numbers are being illegally killed by Indians and others. We think if a system of licensed guides be established it will do much to prevent this. It is reported that all the animals in the Algonquin Park, deer, moose, beaver, otter, etc., etc., are increasing rapidly, this should be the case for there they are protected during the whole year otherwise than from predatory animals. Mr. G. W. Bartlett, the Superintendent of the Park, reports adversely in reference to the introduction of Mongolian Pheasants, those sent to him all died, and he thinks this could not be otherwise on account of the depth of snow in winter. This is as we expected for the Mongolian Pheasant is a ground feeder. Capercailzie will do all right, as would probably Ptarmigan, Sharp-tailed Grouse and Black Game. Dr. Barbour, of Edinburgh, has kindly promised to send for the Park a number of Capercailzie and Black Grouse next year. These birds have succeeded in the Maine forests, and there is no reason why they should not do well in our Great National Park.

Quail.

Quail were immensely abundant last season, no doubt owing to the favorable nesting season, still many of the birds were small and unfit to shoot at the opening of the season, October 15th, and a great many of our best sportsmen would like to see the season date from November 1st to December 15th. In fact we think this change would give pretty general satisfaction. We are informed that before the ensuing Session of the Legislature, the sportsmen of the Western and Southern Counties, the quail district, intend holding a Convention and let the Commission know the result of their deliberations on the quail season.

Ruffed Grouse.

This bird was reported as scarce in some localities and more plentiful in others. We are afraid that it is not on the increase although certainly it is not shot in anything like the numbers it formerly was when it was allowed to be sold. Its scarcity is probably owing to the clearing up of its haunts in the older sections of the Province, and also to the vigorous hunting by rabbit hunters during the close season when they should not be disturbed or molested. They are hunted by these men and illegally sold to gourmands, who should be punished for encouraging such traffic as well as the man who sells. Some provision should be made in the law to meet the case for it is becoming very common for such men, both American and Canadians, to hire a pot hunter to go out and shoot for them taking the game and paying the man for his work or time, yet contending that this is not buying the game.

Woodcock.

For some unaccountable reason, if it be not approaching extermination, this bird was unusually scarce during the season, in fact very few were taken. To

the work of the southern continuous shooters, as long as the bird is in their country, added to that of the rabbit hunter during the nesting season in our own country, may be attributed much of the scarcity.

Duck.

Duck were not nearly as plentiful this season as a few season ago although in some localities they were fairly plentiful. Now these birds seem to congregate more particularly in some favorite haunts and are not so generally distributed over the country as formerly. In such preserves as those of Long Point and St. Clair Flats and some others they were probably as plentiful or more so, but at these points special efforts are made to induce the birds to come by baiting or feeding and also while they are being shot at all over the country after September 1st. At these preserves they do not begin to shoot them but withhold their hand until a month or six weeks later. The result is that the birds soon find these harbors of safety and as there is always plenty of food, they congregate there in great numbers until frozen out. At these places even when shooting is going on, they are not disturbed during the morning or evening, certainly not before sunrise or after sunset, while in other sections they are reluctantly and foolishly pursued from daylight until dark and even by moonlight. On account of the growing scarcity of duck in most sections of the Province, your Commissioners have both last year and this year received several largely signed Petitions asking that duck be included in the non-sale clause, and we have to report that a majority of the Commissioners are in favor of non-sale, but they fear that it would not be generally popular. There is no doubt that no single provision would so effectually prevent the extermination of the birds as this, for as long as a few shillings can be made by selling duck a host of men will pursue them during the whole season. It is said that in certain localities there are some families of hunters who kill as many as two or three thousand duck in a season, while the legitimate sportsmen has to be content with forty or fifty birds.

If skegs, sailboats and steamers were forbidden to be used in hunting ducks, and decoys not allowed to be placed out farther than 100 yards from any natural point of land or bed of rushes connected with the land, then the open water would always be a place of safety for the birds and not so many would be killed, in fact not a tithe of those killed now. We have often urged this concession and again we ask that it be made a part of the law without fail.

To encourage the propagation of game birds, animals and fish we are of the opinion that some provision should be made in the Act by which any such person or persons so engaged may be allowed to regulate their ponds, flocks or herds as seems best to them to ensure success, and if killed during the close season shall not be marketed except during the open season safeguarded by a permit, special tags or coupons as may be deemed best.

Mongolian Pheasants.

We regret to say that the Pheasantry at Rondeau Park is not in as prosperous a condition as we could wish. Last year there were about 700 birds there but in 1898 the young birds which were in confinement did not do so well, many of them seemed to die of some wasting disease. Specimens were sent to the Chairman of this Commission who upon examination found that the birds had died of Tuberculosis. We would urge that all birds found ailing should be at once isolated or killed, and in the Spring as many as can be spared should be planted in suitable localities along the Southern tier of Counties. The caretaker Mr. I. Gardiner

complains that while each hen pheasant lays about sixty eggs in a season owing to the difficulty of getting proper setting hens to hatch the eggs many are lost, besides the young chicks are often infested with lice from the hen, and this necessitates handling and oiling which destroys a certain number. If he had an incubator all of this difficulty would be avoided and greater success would attend his efforts. He reports that many hen Pheasants which have strayed into the Park and hatched their own eggs appear to be doing well with their brood, but in order to secure the greatest result in a short time an incubator should be used so that these fine birds may be added to our fauna as soon as possible. Last year the State of Ohio distributed 6,000 Pheasant eggs and planted 2,000 Mongolian Pheasants and the results are said to be very encouraging.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

We are desirous of again drawing the attention of your Government to the wanton slaughter of these, the best friends of the farmer and fruit grower, which goes on constantly, not only by those who have no legal right to destroy them, but also by those whom the Government sees fit to issue permits to, at the request of the Member for the County in which the applicant resides. This no doubt is done good naturedly by the Member, little thinking what harm he is inflicting upon his farmer friends and his country generally. When we think of the alarming number of persons in the Province, between 50 and 60, who have permits to destroy all the birds and birds' eggs they wish during the whole year, to sell, exchange, and barter the same in foreign countries merely for what money there is in them, we think it is high time something is done to check such mean and wasteful destruction. While in many particulars we are ahead of our neighbours to the south of us in economic questions, in this we are far behind. To exemplify this we have only to mention that the Senate of the United States has just adopted, January 7th, 1899, Mr. Lacey's Bill, which enlarges the scope of the United States Fish Commission, so that it shall include game bird interests, and among other things the Bill forbids the importation of birds and feathers for ornamental purposes; also it forbids transportation of the same from one State to another, under a penalty of \$50 for each offence. Here is an intelligent move in the right direction, and every other Government should follow the splendid example, for once you stop the sale or commerce of feathers and birds, you save the lives of our best friends. Men and boys will not engage in destroying birds if there is no money in it, and thus an incalculable good is done to the agricultural classes. No permit should be granted to any one except it be for strictly scientific purposes. Nothing can be imagined further from this purpose than the conduct of many of those getting these permits. Mounting birds, many of them our most beautiful songsters and most useful insectivorous, and putting them in cases to ornament rooms, bar-rooms, and other places, is rather a questionable line of scientific work, and should be discontinued by the enactment of a law to prevent it.

As we suggested in our Report of 1896, a fee of not less than \$5 should be charged for each permit. No one under 18 years of age should be granted one, and then only when recommended by two reliable and well-known scientific men. The applicant should also be required to give bonds of at least \$200 that the permit will not be used for other than strictly scientific study, and not for barter. This should apply of course to taxidermists, who chiefly take out the permit for the purpose of making money out of the sale of mounted collections, and whose place of business is the depot to which a large proportion of the captured birds are sent from all over the country. The State of Maine fixes the number of these

permits strictly to ten in each year, and these under pretty severe restrictions. We trust your Government will do something to save our birds, which are becoming so alarmingly scarce. This is more particularly the duty of the Ontario Government, since a very large proportion of the birds of the Continent come to our Province each spring to breed, and it is here the collectors flock to prosecute their nefarious work.

THE FISHERIES.

We are pleased to be able to congratulate your Government upon assuming control of the Fisheries of Ontario, the greatest fresh water fisheries in the world. We have long wanted the Government to have control, for we assumed that then the industry would receive that attention which its importance deserves. An industry whose annual products are worth over \$2,000,000, and this without counting the value of all the fish wasted by extravagant methods of fishing, and by poachers, of which we have no record, is well worth the expenditure of both time and money to develop and improve.

If properly managed, as we have no doubt they will be, they ought to yield a revenue far greater than the paltry \$30,000, which has been, about the annual income, and of this sum about \$25,000 has been paid to officials, leaving a net income of but \$6,000 from this immense industry. Such a showing as this indicates simply incompetence, or worse, when we consider also what is the truth that many of our best waters are almost depopulated of fish. However, under the usual careful and economic management of your Government, we hope to see a great improvement in this interesting and important possession of the Province. We have every confidence that the present officers of the Department will do the best that in them lies to make the administration a success.

The wonderful success which has attended the administration of the United States Fish Commission, under the able efforts of two such Commissioners as Mr. Spencer Baird, followed by Mr. Marshall Macdonald, would lead us to hope that when the Government sees fit to appoint the Commissioner of Fisheries they may secure one who by his scientific and practical attainments may by wise measures restore to some extent the primitive abundance of the valuable food fishes of our waters.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) Section 6 sub sec. 1 should have added at the end "and no person shall have in his possession any of the said hereinbefore mentioned animals no matter where procured, or any part or portion of any such animals during the period in which they are so protected, provided however that they may be exposed for sale for five days and no longer after such period and may be had in possession for the private use of the owner and his family at any time, but in all cases the proof of the time of killing, taking or purchasing shall be on the person so in possession.

(2) In subsection 1 of section 14 the composition is ambiguous, meaning not clear, "and after the last word and in the section add" or any pelt of the otter, beaver or muskrat during the period in which they are protected.

(3) In section 7 subsection 3 cross out "or any species of rabbit."

(4) Reverse subsection 4 of section 7 and subsection 3 of section 8.

(5) At the end of subsection 1 section 22 add "and all Deputy Wardens shall take the following oath of office:—I, A. B., Deputy Game Warden, appointed under the provisions of the Ontario Game Protection Act, do solemnly swear that to the best of my judgment I will faithfully, honestly and impartially fulfil, execute and perform the office and duty of such Deputy Warden according to the true intent and meaning of the Ontario Game Act."

(6) After the word shall (first) in subsection 2 of section 4 insert the words "Carry such license on the person while hunting, and."

(7) In section 23 subsection 1 after the first "every" insert the word "Warden," and in subsection 2 of the same section, after the first "every" insert "Warden," and also in subsection 3 after first "every" insert "Warden."

(8) In section 24 subsection 1 after the word "proceedings" insert "or who neglects or refuses to carry out the provisions of this Act."

(9) In subsection 2 section 24 cross out the words following "overseers" to the word and after "Act," and insert "shall be Deputy Wardens."

(10) In subsection 1 of section 32 in place of the word "three" place "six."

(11) In section 28 subsection 1 between the figures 2 and 14 add "5, 6, 7, 8 and."

(12) In section 30 after the word "ammunition" insert "canoes, skiffs, punts or boats, raw skins and heads of wild deer, moose or caribou and all peltries of otter, beaver and muskrat," also cross out the words "public auction" and insert the words "the chief Game Warden or his order."

(13) In section 34 subsection 1 cross out all the words after "only" to "and" after the word "family."

(14) In section 5 cross out the word "carbine."

(15) In section 9 subsection (1) (a) after the first word "killed" insert "or had in possession."

(16) Make subsection 4 section 8 permanent non-sale of said birds by crossing out all the words after procured, and insert "at any time."

(17) Enact a system of licensed guides.

(18) Enact some simpler way in which to post large tracts of land than that two notices must be put up on every forty acres.

(19) Enact that game dealers shall take out a license to deal in game and fish, and that they shall keep a record of where all game is bought, also that persons and companies in cold storage business be required to take out a license and to furnish an account of game sold or kept by them for sale or for private individuals, such account to be verified by statutory declaration, and the amount of game which may be kept by a private individual in cold storage out of season be limited.

(20) Enact that taxidermists and so-called scientific collectors of birds and eggs shall procure a license at a fee of \$5 per annum, and give a bond of \$200 that he will strictly adhere to the provisions of the license, and not barter birds, skins or eggs.

(21) Enact that the Wardens shall have a permanent search warrant and be able to grant search warrants to another officer for the purposes of the Act.

(22) Enact some provision against the cold storage of game for long periods.

(23) Enact a provision that all parcels in which game is packed for transportation be so constructed as to show their contents for inspection and have them labelled with the owner's address and its contents.

(24) Enact that cotton tail hares may not be taken with a gun during the close season, but may be hunted at any time in any other way.

(25) Reinsert in the Act the provision that not more than 300 duck may be taken in any one season.

(26) In section 8 subsection 1 leave out the words "half an hour" in the two instances where they occur.

(27) Enact a provision to prevent guides or others engaging themselves to shoot by the day or for a consideration for their time on condition that the game is given to the person so hiring them.

(28) Define clearly what constitutes a resident under the Act which will confer the rights of a citizen as to the provisions of the Act. Also of a "settler" who may avoid the license to hunt deer.

(29) Re-appoint retiring Commission.

(30) Make a residence of the last six months prior to September 15th in each year necessary to constitute a resident.

(31) Enact such provision as will make the offence of buying game equivalent to that of selling it.

(32) Enact that no bass shall be caught during the winter through the ice, and that no bass be allowed to be sold any time.

(33) While dogs are allowed in hunting deer rescind the clause prohibiting shooting in the water.

(34) Provide that foreigners who have taken out the general hunting license may take with them a limited quantity of the game shot by them, after obtaining a permit from the Chief Warden or a Warden to do so, for example, two deer, one moose, 50 ducks and other game as the Warden may choose to allow.

(35) It is also suggested that the Honorable the Minister of Customs be memorialized and asked to have such limitation passed as will give effect to the above resolution.

(36) Enact that not more than ten licenses to take birds and their eggs for scientific purposes be granted in any one year.

(37) Enact that as there is a surplus to the credit of the Commission, a Deputy Warden be appointed and paid a small annual sum of not more than \$100 in certain important localities where game abounds. These points to be decided by the Commission.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. A. MacCALLUM,
Chairman Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

Dunnville, December 31st, 1898.

REPORT OF CHIEF GAME WARDEN.

TORONTO, January, 1899.

G. A. MACCALLUM, Esq., M.D.,

Chairman of the Ontario Fish and Game Commission.

SIR,—I have again the honor of submitting for your consideration, and which I trust will meet your approval, the work of the Commission for the year ending December 31st, 1898.

Since the last meeting of the Commission no amendments to the Game Laws have been made. It is desirable during the coming Session of the Legislature that some much-needed amendments be passed, strengthening the laws in general, making them more effective, also making it unnecessary to alter or amend for years to come.

A number of Orders-in-Council affecting the work of the Commission have been passed during the year, copies of which appear in this Report.

All possible assistance has been accorded me by the respective Railway, Steamboat, and Express Companies in the Province, the officials of which deserve the warmest thanks of your Commission, also by the Press, which has rendered valuable assistance to me.

WARDENS.

It is again my pleasant duty to thank the Wardens for the very efficient discharge of their duties, which are increasing to such an extent that these duties, which formerly only occupied part of their time, now require their whole time and attention for the personal and effective supervision of their respective districts.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

There is a decrease in the number of Deputy Wardens, there being 507 on the list as against 518 for 1897. The list has been revised, resulting in 51 being struck off, many having left the limits, others having been removed by death and some for cause. Many of the Deputy Wardens during the past year have done good work in their respective localities.

SPORTSMEN

Are realizing the necessity of doing their part in game and fish protection in the Province. Numerous instances have been reported of them prosecuting infractions brought to their notice, which augurs well for the future.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

I am pleased to report that deer, under the present regulations, are increasing, which could scarcely be expected from the large increase of hunters and the very large number of deer killed during the two weeks of the open season. From the results of the last three seasons it certainly appears as though from a combination of circumstances the red deer will more than hold their own for many years to come, with wise and effective protection. The cutting of the large tim

ber and subsequent rapid growth of young trees, makes in many portions of the Northern Districts an almost impenetrable cover, providing abundance of food and shelter which is a powerful factor in the protection of moose and deer. In the event of a short open season for moose in 1900 being allowed under special license, only males should be killed and provision made for a penalty large enough to deter poachers and others killing cow moose under any consideration. Moose and caribou, from Warden Willmott's Report, are becoming more numerous and making satisfactory progress in sections of the Province remote from Indians and lumber camps.

Ruffed grouse or partridge have, in the Northern District afforded fair sport but have been scarce in the older settled portions. The bird-nesting boys and the farmer's vagrant cats are in a large measure responsible, not only for the decrease in these valuable game birds, but they also have done much in causing the unfortunate decrease in many species of our most valuable insectivorous birds.

Quail have again become in the South and Western counties a factor in field sports, in a large measure due to prohibiting the sale or barter of them, but even this regulation is evaded by the market hunters with the assistance and connivance of pot hunting sportsmen, who hire the market hunters as guides, paying them in proportion to the game killed, the so called sportsmen taking the result of the day's shooting and paying accordingly.

Ducks have been more abundant in many localities than for many years past, while in others the shooting has not been satisfactory, the unusual fine weather late in the season up North having been, it is said, the cause of the lateness of the flight South. The same reasons are given that so few woodcock and snipe were found in their usual resorts during the latter part of the open season.

WILD TURKEYS.

Warden Quallins reports a few flocks still left in Essex County. I doubt if they will ever be known in the Province again as a factor in the list of Ontario's game birds. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the mission of these grand birds in the Province has not been a complete failure, they have been instrumental in improving the domestic breeds to such an extent that they cannot be excelled for size and perfection. I know of no reason why the place of the wild turkey should not be filled by the English and Mongolian pheasants.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

I may use the same words as in my last year's Report that it is a most difficult matter to effect the desired reduction in the number of permits issued, giving authority to those to whom issued to take insectivorous birds and eggs. Every possible assistance should be extended to those procuring these permits for strictly scientific purposes. It would be interesting to know how many of the fifty-six permits issued were for that purpose. Responsible men should not recommend the granting of these permits for the amusement of unthinking boys who, as a rule, use them as a means of indulging in their destructive proclivities.

FISH.

The long pending question of jurisdiction over the Fisheries of the Province has at last been decided in accordance with the contention of the Province, giving

it control over Provincial waters, resulting in the appointment of Mr. S. T. Bastedo to the important position of Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, under whose able administration the desired improvement may shortly be expected.

SHOOTING LICENSES.

Fifty-two non-resident licenses have been issued as against fifty-three in 1897. Returns have been made for three thousand three hundred deer hunter's licenses to December 31st, leaving a number of accounts from issuers still unclosed. Two thousand four hundred and four permits have been issued to settlers residing in the Northern part of the Province. It has been said that not more than one-half of these permits were issued to and used by bona fide settlers, the class of men in poor circumstances the permits were intended to assist. Professional and business men, retired merchants and others in good circumstances who reside in the exempted districts claim to be settlers, and receive permits from the Township Clerks who have been appointed issuers. These evasions have caused strong comment and dissatisfaction from the large number of hunters who procured licenses; many who bought licenses in 1897 neglected to do so last November, a large number of prosecutions resulting for hunting without licenses. The abuse of the system of settler's permits may cause the Government to withdraw the privilege granted with such good intentions.

In June, 1898, two thousand one hundred and forty copies of the following circular were sent to that number of hunters who bought licenses in 1897, and whose address I had, with the following results:

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
Toronto, June, 1898.

SIR,—During the last Session a good deal of discussion took place as to the legislation respecting deer and particularly as to the change in the law prohibiting the killing of deer in the water. There have been very divergent opinions expressed regarding this provision of the Act, and there always have been extreme differences of opinion, apparently about equally divided, as to the propriety of allowing the hounding of deer. Admittedly the coupon system has had a useful effect in limiting the number of deer brought out, and there are those who urge that the prohibition of hounding would very much reduce the yearly slaughter of deer. The views of sportsmen on all matters affecting game are valued. Sometimes, however, their opinions are not founded on considerations of game protection, or limitation of the number of deer or other game which may be taken. It is, however, thought that it might be useful to have the views of those who last year received licenses to shoot, on some of these matters, and I accordingly enclose herewith a blank form with questions which I will thank you to answer and return to me. It will be most advantageous if you will in the first place give your answer either affirmatively or negatively, and then add any reasons which may occur to you.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

E. TINSLEY,
Chief Game Warden.

 QUESTIONS:

- (1) Do you approve of the hounding of deer?
- (2) Do you think the abolition of hounding would conduce to the increased protection of deer?
- (3) Give reasons for your answer to No. 2.
- (4) Do you approve of the killing of deer in the water or when just leaving the water?
- (5) Give reasons for your answer.
- (6) The protection of deer being the object in view, please make any suggestions which you may consider useful to the Government or the Commissioners on the subject.

 REPLIES TO CIRCULAR *re* DEER SHOOTING.

Against hounding of deer and against killing in water.....	108
Approve of hounding of deer and against killing in water ..	164
Approve of hounding of deer and approve killing in water ..	188
Approve of hounding of deer and approve of killing when leaving the water	10
Against hounding of deer and no answer to question of kill- ing deer in the water	3
Against hounding of deer and for killing in water	31
	— 504
Total number of circulars sent out	2,140
Replies received from.....	504
	Majority.
Approve of hounding of deer	220
Against killing in the water	53

It is reasonable to suppose that the one thousand six hundred and thirty-six deer hunters who did not reply are satisfied with the present laws relating to deer.

The suggestions in addition to the answers from those responding are as divergent as it is possible to be.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Your obedient servant,

E. TINSLEY,
Chief Game Warden.

BEAUMARIS, December, 1898.

E. TINSLEY, ESQ.,
Chief Warden, Toronto,

SIR :—I have the honor of submitting to you my Annual Report in respect of game in the Northern sections of the Province, over which I have supervision as Warden.

Deer have during the past hunting season been reported as plentiful in most sections, although in many cases harder to get than usual. From personal observation I think those procured by hunters have been larger in size than for some years, accounted for no doubt, by last winter being so favorable for these animals and also by the early spring, which gave the fawns every opportunity to attain greater weights than usual. It is the prevalent opinion that deer are holding their own, and in many instances they are reported as on the increase.

Regarding the number taken out I do not think this comes up to last year except in certain localities. For instance the Muskoka Lake Navigation Co. have this year handled 318 as against 230 last year, 94 also being expressed from Gravenhurst (town) Station.

Prosecutions. During the last year, several lumber firms have been fined for having carcasses of deer and hides in their possession. Several parties have also been fined for hunting without licenses, shooting in the water, Sunday hunting, etc. These will naturally have the effect of deterring others from committing similar infractions in the future. There are conflicting opinions regarding the prohibition of water shooting. Whilst this probably diminishes the number killed, I am afraid that it increases the number of wounded deer, which get away and die in the woods, as many hunters not being accustomed to the bush are naturally afraid of leaving their stations on the runways in the pursuit of animals which they know have received fatal shots. It is my opinion that dog running and water shooting go hand in hand.

Moose and Caribou. These animals are reported to be on the increase in the N. and N. W. sections of the Province; on a recent trip in company with Warden H. K. Smith, up the Blanche River about 75 miles north of Lake Temiscamingue, we saw several of these noble animals which took little or no notice of us. This region when developed will form one of the most important agricultural sections in Ontario, as there seems no limit to good land, free from stones, easily cleared, and not subject to early frosts.

Partridges. These have been more plentiful this fall owing to the favorable breeding season. We have not had so much trouble as usual in respect to illicit furs, owing no doubt to the protection of beaver in the Province of Quebec.

I would respectfully call your attention to the quality of paper on which the coupons are printed, this on getting in the least degree damp, tears, especially at the eyelet holes, a stronger substitute would be most advisable.

On the whole, it is most gratifying to note the result of the efforts of the Fish and Game Commission, which seem to be increasing in popularity year by year.

In closing I beg to thank Mr. Bartlett, Superintendent of the Algonquin National Park and other Government employees, for the aid and interest they have taken in this matter, to them a non-obligatory duty.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. WILLMOTT,
Warden.

BELLEVILLE, 31st December, 1898.

E. TINSLEY, ESQ.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—Herewith I beg to submit my Annual Report, as to the condition of Game in this District.

Deer have been quite plentiful in all the hunting grounds this season, and in consequence the number killed during the late open season was large, but not, I think, excessive.

The law prohibiting killing in the water, I believe, has not been well observed, but it is almost impossible to obtain evidence sufficient to convict for the offence, as the regulation is not regarded favorably in this District.

Evasions of the license clause appear to have been numerous, but these will be promptly dealt with as soon as investigations are concluded.

The method of issuing settlers' permits is very unsatisfactory, many of the Township Clerks paying little regard to their instructions in connection therewith.

Feathered Game (partridge excepted) has been fairly plentiful the past season, and partridge are slowly recovering from the effects of the unfavorable hatching season of last year, but it will be some time before they will be as plentiful as in 1896.

Respecting fur-bearing animals, beaver and otter are not showing any signs of increase, but muskrats appear to be holding their own.

The laws, on the whole, have not been as well observed this year as usual, but every complaint has been promptly investigated, and the violators punished when warranted by the evidence.

The apathy of many of the Deputy Wardens continues, and it is to be hoped that a combination of the offices of Fishery Overseers and Deputy Wardens will be effected, and the services of some good man secured.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. K. SMITH.

LEAMINGTON, December 27th, 1898.

E. TINSLEY,
Chief Game Warden.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting my Annual Report for the year 1898.

Quail in Western District.

They have been abundant in Essex and Kent during the past season, in a large measure due to the commendable action of the members of the sportsmen's clubs in these counties, who have, not only during the last two or three years at considerable expense imported large number, of these grand game birds, and have also rendered me great assistance in the protection of them.

Partridge

Have been fairly plentiful, and in some localities have been found in larger numbers than for some years past.

Deer in Essex.

I am glad to state are increasing, and all possible measures have been taken for their protection in accordance with Order in Council.

Duck Shooting.

On the marshes adjoining Lake St. Clair and on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers has been fairly good ; and some large bags have been made. It is reasonable to expect that with prohibition of spring shooting in the State of Michigan, the Lake St. Clair marshes will in the near future again become famous as noted duck resorts.

Wild Turkey.

There are a few flocks of wild turkeys still left in the woods in the vicinity of Renwick, in the county of Kent. They are not increasing to the extent desired in consequence of the small amount of timber lands left in that vicinity. From information received I am under the impression that the Indians are now anxious to prevent the extermination of the wild turkeys, the largest of our native game birds.

The usual complaints are made to me by many sportsmen that the woodcock shooting season should commence earlier. They say the Americans have the advantage of them on the frontier, their seasons for woodcock being earlier.

Complaints from time to time are published in the newspapers to the effect that illegal shooting is done by Americans in Canadian waters, which on being investigated have no foundation, the shooting being done in American waters.

I have received faithful assistance from the Deputy Wardens in my district, who have done all that could possibly be expected in preventing infraction of the Game Laws, and in bringing poachers to justice.

Many infractions of the Fishery laws have been complained of, which I feel sure will receive attention and be remedied under the present administration.

Pelee Island is becoming quite a summer resort for Americans, who, I am informed, are in the habit of hunting and shooting without going through the formality of procuring non-resident licenses as the law requires. This will require the appointment of a good Deputy Warden, a resident of the Island, in consequence of the difficulty of landing during stormy weather.

Your obedient servant,

F. C. QUALLINS.

DUNNVILLE, Dec. 31st, 1898.

E. TINSLEY, Esq.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—I beg to submit to you my Annual Report from this district. Hunting and taking of game for sport and other purposes is vastly on the increase, especially among boys under fifteen, which would suggest some further restraint on guns, and the open season, if the main object is to propagate and preserve the game of this country.

There are still some changes that are urgently needed in the game laws as you are already well aware, some of which are already noted in our former reports. Every article used by an illegal hunter, caught in the act, should be liable to seizure.

The system of Deputy Wardens should be changed, and, I think, two good Deputy Officers appointed in their stead, one in the Western and the other in the Eastern part of my district, and who should be allowed a suitable salary, or some other system of assisting the Wardens to collect suitable evidence for enforcing the game laws, than that at present in use, is urgently needed.

Some further powers should be allowed the Wardens, to stop the sale of game being sent out of the country; also for inspecting boxes, bales, or other packages suspected at freight stations and express offices, also on freight and baggage cars, the present system being found too slow and uncertain.

The open season, in this section for duck, should be changed to the fifteenth September; all our sportsmen recommend this. Migrating ducks have not been as plentiful the past season as in former years, one reason being the American shooting in the spring along our frontiers, resulting in destroying the female birds on their way to the breeding grounds.

Black ducks, with young broods, seemed to be more numerous than usual during the summer, but were found to be scarce when the season opened for shooting.

The smaller birds, snipe and plover, were not so numerous as in past seasons, the very dry weather during the past summer curtailing their food supply of insects, low and marshy grounds everywhere being unusually dry and hard until October.

Partridge and quail are reported not so much in evidence as they should have been. One reason is, I think, that weasels and skunks are becoming too plentiful.

Black and grey squirrels were found quite numerous in sections where the nut supply was good—an unusual number of grey.

Squirrels have been seen and taken in this district during the open season.

Wild geese visited us in unusual numbers during the past season, and stopped long enough to make very good shooting in many places.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. GILL,
Warden.

LIST OF ISSUERS OF DEER LICENSES FOR 1898.

Name.	Address.
J. H. Wilmott.....	Beaumaris.
William Kirk.....	Bracebridge.
J. Sharp.....	Burk's Falls.
J. A. Ellis.....	Fenelon Falls.
J. A. Johnson.....	Parry Sound.
H. K. Shaw.....	Rosseau.
S. A. Huntington.....	North Bay.
John Hines.....	Barrie.
John Regan.....	Orillia.
W. H. Lawson.....	Park Head.
W. Climie.....	Listowel.
P. M. Shannon.....	Port Carling.
J. B. McWilliams.....	Peterborough.
J. H. Brickwood.....	Kingston.
C. A. Richards.....	Tara.
John Nott.....	Port Perry.
W. Fielding.....	Minden.
J. Walmsley.....	Warton.
George Eady.....	Renfrew.
Wm. Mathieson.....	Havelock.
Wm. Carmichael.....	Collingwood.
S. M. Johnston.....	Arnprior.
C. S. Gillespie.....	Campbellford.
F. J. Moore.....	Lakefield.
A. H. Taylor.....	Ottawa.
Thomas Beasley.....	Hamilton.
James Dougherty.....	Stouffville.
T. Fraser.....	Norwood.
B. O'Hara.....	Madoc.
W. Prust.....	Haliburton.
R. Cockburn.....	Sturgeon Falls.
R. Rush.....	Sault Ste. Marie.
J. J. Bamfield.....	Niagara Falls.
Wm. Carmichael.....	Powassan.
Dr. G. A. MacCallum.....	Dunnville.
J. T. Robinson.....	Bobcaygeon.
B. J. Gilligan.....	Mattawa.
Major Lloyd.....	Newmarket.
T. G. Eastland.....	Apsley.
W. A. Field.....	Lanark.
Austin Moran.....	Dacre.
Peter Munshaw.....	Eugenia.
William Long.....	Kalapore.
F. C. Quallins.....	Leamington.
James Donaldson.....	Springbank.
Charles Knapp.....	Lions Head.
Edward Mosgrove.....	Kirkfield.
W. J. Leatherdale.....	Coldwater.
J. D. Rowe.....	Trenton.

Name.	Address.
John H. Ramer	Markham.
Stephen Lake	West Lake.
J. M. Clark	Smith's Falls.
William Lynn	Penetanguishene.
B. C. Hubbell	Marmora.
W. J. Gallagher	Frankford.
H. Wesley Huff	Napanee.
M. Maybee	Madoc.
J. Cleak	Bancroft.
Chas. Hart	Barrie
F. J. Stewart	Stayner.
Benjamin Bryan	Lindsay.
A. N. Ewing	Waterford.
A. D. Carley	King.
J. Y. Hammond	St. Thomas.
George Packham	Alliston.
W. P. McEwan	Almonte.
Esli Terrill	Wooler.
Henry Mathen	Brockville.
J. F. Gillespie	Picton.
D. Woodward	Cannington.
Duncan McMillan	Beaverton.
H. A. Lunan	Unionville.
J. E. Gould	Uxbridge.
George Southeran	Millbrook.
E. J. Breen	Uxbridge.
H. B. Harrison	Owen Sound.
Henry Taylor	Perth.
O. Bascom	Kemptville.
G. A. Pollock	Aurora.
John Wright	Flesherton.
N. D. McCallum	Carleton Place.
A. E. Sarvis	Sarnia.
Jas. Martin	Hillsdale.
J. C. Ray	Cambray.
David Williams	Gooderham.
G. W. Stoddart	Bradford.
J. N. Christie	Palmerston.
Duncan McFarlane	Red Bay.
A. H. Brandon	Gelert.
J. H. Anderson	Tory Hill
James Scott	Gooderham.
J. Austin	Kinmount.
James Reeves	Eganville.
H. K. Smith	Belleville.
R. Kimber Johns	Gravenhurst.
Peter Stewart	Grant.
John Carter	Sundridge.
J. B. Sauche	Mayerville.
H. Rankin	Prescott.
John Chanonhouse	Eganville.
Robert Watt	Brussels.

Name.	Address.
John P. Evans.....	London.
T. Upton.....	Sprucedale.
A. McDonald.....	Sundridge.
Andrew Hunter.....	Moorewood.
W. R. Craig.....	Russell.
Dr. John Elkington.....	Lavant.
B. B. Miller.....	Wiarton.
F. Iveson.....	Metcalf.
Richard Cole.....	South River.
F. N. MacFie.....	Dunchurch.
Thomas Kennedy.....	Parry Sound.
Wm. Campbell.....	Restoul.
J. P. Labrash.....	Maple Island.
W. Ireland.....	Parry Sound.
W. Clearwater.....	Huntsville.
G. G. Thrasher.....	Sterling.
William Dafoe.....	Avan.
James Packham.....	Brampton.
George Bilton.....	Newboro.
James Tedford.....	Dundalk.
John Scheich.....	Trout Creek.
Andrew Morton.....	Brantford.
George B. Holmes.....	Markdale.
Donald A. McNiven.....	Barrie.
W. H. Blair.....	Arthur.
P. K. Newton.....	Tweed.
C. E. Clancy.....	Enterprise.
John A. McFarland.....	Calabogie.
S. G. Best.....	Maganetawan.
Charles Mills.....	Warkworth.
John Brown.....	Rockdale.
Peter D. McKercher.....	L'Orignal.
John M. Collins.....	Ormsby.
A. S. Halliday.....	Chesley.
Dr. Spohn.....	Penetanguishene.
S. L. Doolittle.....	Ingersoll.
T. W. Jackson.....	Orono.
H. B. Preston.....	Marmora.
William Harris, Jr.....	Day Mills.
George W. Savage.....	Novar.
J. B. Shrigley.....	Dorset.
Andrew Pattullo.....	Woodstock.
Robert McConkey.....	Kearney.
Joseph Rogers.....	Toronto.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 9th day of March, A.D. 1898.

Upon recommendation of the report of the Chief Game Warden, dated 4th March, 1898, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Committee of Council advise that the provisions of the Order-in-Council of the 14th day of October, 1897, exempting settlers from taking out licenses to shoot deer, be extended to the Townships of St. Edmunds, Lindsay, Eastnor, and Albermarle in the County of Bruce, and that the said Order-in-Council be deemed to have included these townships as from and after the date thereof.

Certified,

(Signed) J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the 8th day of April, A.D. 1898.

Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Committee of Council advise that Bryce Burgess Miller, of the Town of Wiarton, be appointed Fishery Overseer for the North Bruce Peninsula and the waters adjoining same, at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per annum, and fifty dollars (\$50) for travelling expenses, such appointment to date from the first day of June, 1897.

Certified,

(Signed) J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, this 25th day of June, A.D. 1898.

Upon recommendation of the report of the Honourable the Attorney-General, dated 23rd June, 1898, the Committee of Council advise that one George Richardson, now undergoing a term of imprisonment of ninety days in the gaol at Burk's Falls in default of the payment of a fine of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) imposed on him for a violation of the provisions of The Ontario Game Protection Act, be released from custody, and in case of any subsequent offence the said George Richardson be required to complete the full term of imprisonment under his present sentence.

Certified,

(Signed) J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1898.

Upon consideration of the report of the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated 8th December, 1898, the Committee of Council advise that a warrant for the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) be issued in favor of Mr. J. E. Robertson, Toronto, Barrister-at-Law, in full, of any claim he may have for costs and disbursements in defending an action brought by John Miller & Co. against James Kennedy, Deputy Game Warden.

Certified,

(Signed) J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk, Executive Council.

Copy of an Order-in Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1898.

Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Committee of Council advise that W. B. Wells, Esq., of Chatham, be reappointed a member of the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners as from the first day of April last, and that Henry S. Osler, Esq., of the City of Toronto, Barrister-at-Law, be appointed a member of the said Board of Commissioners, also for the term commencing from the first day of April last, in the place of H. P. Dwight, Esq., resigned.

Certified,

(Signed) J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk, Executive Council.

SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1898.

A. J. White	Syracuse, N. Y.
Charles Meredith	Montreal, Que.
Fred. L. Wanklyn	" "
John Nichols	" "
Peter McKenzie	" "
Duncan Robertson	" "
Andrew J. Dawes	Lachine, Que.
B. N. Dutton	Boston, Mass.
Alfred E. Brush	Detroit, Mich.
John T. Lord	England, Mass.
W. B. Dickerman	New York, N. Y.
H. W. Cannon	New York, N. Y.
W. M. Barnum	New York, N. Y.
Dean Sage	Albany, N. Y.
A. Hemenway	Boston, Mass.
J. L. Rhoads	Lockport, N. Y.
Gardiner G. Hammond	Boston, Mass.
A. T. Cabot	Ponkapong, Mass.
Gus. Baumlcr	Wyandotte, Mich.
J. H. Bishop	Wyandotte, Mich.
M. M. Stanton	Detroit, Mich.
W. J. Higham	Detroit, Mich.
Joseph Bedore	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
J. B. McKee	Detroit, Mich.
Charles Campbell	" "
P. Hutchins	" "
C. Hutchins	" "
F. Fikel	Wyandotte, Mich.
C. Rathbone	Detroit, Mich.
F. H. Walker	" "
Count Manfred	Germany.
S. Baugh	Detroit, Mich.
W. D. Thompson	" "
W. H. Nichols	New York, N. Y.
W. H. Nichols, jun.	" "
C. W. Nichols	" "
G. N. Smalley	Boston, Mass.
T. W. Sacket	Cape Vincent, N. Y.
A. E. White	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
F. L. Northrop, jr.	Buffalo, N. Y.
G. A. Farmer	Montreal, Que.
J. Enerts Tracy	New York, N. Y.
W. Rattley	St. Clair Flats, Mich.
H. G. Meredith	Detroit, Mich.
D. W. McNangher	Pittsburg, Pa.
John S. McIntosh	" "
P. T. McCance	" "
A. Hemenway, jr.	Boston Mass.
H. R. Sweny	Albany, N. Y.
L. Cabat	Boston, Mass.
G. H. Richards	" "
— Isaac	Niagara Falls, N. Y.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.

Algoma.

Anderson, Alexander	Pearl River, C.P.R.
Brown, Frank	Port Arthur.
Bole, Duncan	Sault Ste. Marie.
Black, Andrew	Richard's Landing.
Congrave, Geo. (care of Hugh Munro)	Port Arthur.
Emmons, John	Rat Portage.
Fraser, D	" "
Geddes, Thomas R	Jack Fish Bay.
Gilmour, Wm	Sault Ste. Marie.
Harris, John	" "
Higgins, Wm.	Thessalon.
McKewen, S. R.	Tekkummah.
McKirdy, Wm	Nepigon.
Patterson, M. J.	Webbwood.
Riley, Edward	Port Arthur.
Rush, Robert	Sault Ste. Marie.
Reid, W. D	Thompson.
Smith, Alfred Bird	Schrieber.
Whalen, Joseph	Port Arthur.
Woods, J. M.	Thessalon.
Kemp, L	Silver Lake, Manitoulin Island.
Harkness, M.	Vavasour.
Craig, J	Beaver Mine.
Hymer, G	" "
Curran, T	Murilla.
Hyman, G	" "
Piper, D.	Slate River.
Wentfield, H.	Kaministiquia.
Morton, E. A	Fort William.
Lalonde, E	Port Arthur.
Grattan, H	" "
McIlwraith, J	Nepigon.
Walker, J	Schrieber.
Norquay, T.	Manitowaning.
Tennant, D.	Uplands.
Carmichael, A. R.	Sudbury.
Harris, W. J.	Day Mills.

Addington.

Donaldson, William J.	Donaldson's Mills.
Clancy, C. E	Enterprise.

Bruce.

Armstrong, Joseph	Kinloss.
Barley, Edward	Lion's Head.
Farquharson, John	Teeswater.
Gardiner, John H.	Lucknow.
Grey, Wesley	Chesley.
Henry, George	Port Elgin.
Henderson, James	Kincardine.
Heffernan, Patrick	Walkerton.
Hogg, Wm. W	Paisley.
Lawson, W. H.	Park Head.
Millions, Robert	Walkerton.
Manly, David	Riversdale.
McKillop, Hugh	Hepworth.
McIvor, John	McIvor.
McFarlane, Duncan	Red Bay.
McDonald, Donald	Ripley.
Pratt, John	Kincardi. e.
Richards, Chas. A	Tara.

Brant.

Montgomery, C. A.	Brantford.
M. Glaughlin, Geo. W.	"
Irving, Robert P.	Glenmorris.

Carleton.

St. George, George	Ottawa.
Taylor, A. H.	"
Portt, Robert L.	South March.

Dufferin.

Durkin, Wm.	Bowling Green.
Gordon, James.	Monticello.
Aubbard, James J.	Orangeville.

Durham.

Carson, J.	Durham.
Jackson, T. W.	Orono.

Dundas.

Cameron, Lachlin	Iroquois.
Price, James.	Inkerman.

Elgin.

Fairbrother, Wm.	St. Thomas.
Fowler, Jacob	Fingal.
Hannen, Isaac	Union.
Hopkins, John	St. Thomas.
Huffman, Jeremiah	Aylmer.
Hammond, John	"
Kirkpatrick, Donald	West Lorne.
Miller, Robert	Lawrence Station.
Neely, John R.	Fingal.
Philpott, Wm.	Iona.
Thornton, Henry	St. Thomas.
Gardiner, H.	Morpeth.
Chute, Ernest A.	Lakeview.
Goodall, James.	Wallacetown.

Essex.

Ontago, Daniel.	Sandwich.
Banks, Anthony	Harrow.
Cornette, Chas. F.	Belle River.
Teller, Wolfe.	Walkerville.
Gignac, Horace.	Gordon.
Gormley, John.	Essex.
Holland, Hugh.	Comber.
Hillman, Jonas.	Hillman.
Ives, Arthur	Leamington.
King, George	Ruthven.
Lindsay, William.	Comber.
Lemaitre, Seraphim	Tecumseth.
Martens, Allios.	Sandwich.
Meloche, Joseph	"
Robert, Joseph.	"

Rivard, Napoleon	Tecumseth.
Soulliere, Stephen	"
White, James H.	Pelee Island.
Walker, Noll	St. Joachim.
Louchereau, Stephen	St. Clair Siding.
Mills, Chas.	Wheatley.
Hugill, W.	Staples.
Solmone, C.	Amherstburg.
Fontine, W.	Fighting Island.

Frontenac.

Albertson, George	Verona.
Brickwood, James H.	Kingston.
Clark, Norman	Mississippi.
Darcy, Sydney W.	Murvale.
Dermott, J. A.	Tichborne.
Dowker, Wm. S.	Harrowsmith.
Gilbert, Robert	Ompah.
Gates, George	Westbrook.
Greenwood, George	Wolfe Island.
Pallier, Alexander	Wilmur.
Smoke, Edward H.	Desert Lake.
Smith, David John	Parham.
Sly, Henry	Verona.
Tryon, Levi	Sharbot Lake.
Tallon, James	Arden.
Walker, Nelson	Cataraqui.
Woods, J. M.	Arden.
Woodman, W. G.	Allen (Wolfe Island).
York, E. M.	Bellrock.

Grey.

McKnight, Thomas	Dornach.
Campbell, Malcolm	Hanover.
Holmes, Geo. B.	Markdale.
Long, William	Kolapore.
Simmons, M. H.	Oxenden.
Leigman, Ludwig	Neustadt.
Wilson, William H.	Shouldice.
Myers, J.	Orchard.
Munshaw, P.	Eugenia.
Webb, J.	Vandeleur.
Hickling, J.	Maxwell.
Peterson, W. H.	Dundalk.
Tedford, J.	"

Glengarry.

Clark, James	Dominionville.
Dickson, Daniel	Williamstown.
Dunn, Ambrose	South Lancaster.
McGillivray, Donald W.	Dalkeith.
McNaughton, J. P.	Laggan.
McRae, Donald C.	North Lancaster.
Stewart, M. W.	Greenfield.
Pepin, E.	Bainsville.
Sutherland, Hugh	"

Hastings

Barr, Peter	Maynooth.
Brinklow, Henry	Ormsby.
Birrel, James	Glannmire.

Bowel, W. J.	Tweed.
Faulkner, Dr. D. W.	Foxboro.
Faulkner, Dr. G. W.	Stirling.
Foster, Alexander	Egan Creek.
Rupert, Thomas	Springbrook.
Sweet, W. H.	Bancroft.
Sweet, W. James	Bancroft.
Tivy, Richard S.	Coe Hill.
Unwin, Walker	Bannockburn.
Hubbell, B. C.	Marmora.
Taylor, J.	Murchison.

Halton.

Bradley, Stinson	Milton.
Brown, Robert M.	Campbellville.
Crawford, Murray	Campbellville.
Johnston, Walter N.	Milton.
Lawson, John	Acton.
Racey, C. S.	Milton.
Saunders, Edward G.	Agerton.
Wilson, James	Bronte.
Hewson, G.	Milton.

Huron.

Creech, James	Exeter.
Dalton, Morgan	Kingsbridge.
Gill, John	Exeter.
Horton, George	Gorrie.
Naftal, Chas. J. S.	Goderich.
Rider, J.	Clinton.
Ross, John M.	Blyth.
Sands, John	Saltford.
Seager, Charles	Goderich.
Scott, Alex.	Westfield.
Watt, R.	Brussels.
Anderson, J. A.	Seaforth.
McKay, Peter	Chiselhurst.
Foster, Byron	Holmesville.

Haliburton.

Day, Joseph	Essonville.
Cassidy, J.	Dorset.
Hamilton, W. J.	Dorset.

Haldimand.

Chrysler, Robert	North Cayuga.
Everingham, Wm.	Canfield.
Farrell, John	Cayuga.
Winslow, Martin	Dunnville.

Kent.

Boles, Gordon	Chatham.
Crouch, Samuel	Ridgetown.
Eberts, Frank G.	Chatham.
Johnson, W. J.	Fargo.
Gardiner, Isaac	Morpeth.
Kime, George	Big Point.
Monday, Frederick	Mitchell's Bay.

Robertson, Victor.....	Chatham.
Southgate, R. M.....	Wallaceburg.
Thomas, Joseph.....	Williams.
Fisher, B.....	Wallaceburg.
McGregor, J. D.....	Chatham.
Dagneau, David.....	Chatham.
Waffle, Noah.....	Dresden.
Grievies, L. D.....	Rond Eaw.

Lambton.

Bell, John.....	Port Franks.
Deans, James.....	Inwood.
Everest, G. M.....	Arkona.
Kennedy, Joseph.....	Port Lambton.
Miller, Frank.....	Port Franks.
Mott, Edwin L.....	Alvinston.
Myers, S.....	Port Lambton.
Taylor, J. P.....	Watford.
Mountain, H.....	Walpole Island.
Sarvis, A. E.....	Sarnia.

Lanark.

Deacon, Ephraim.....	Bolingbroke.
Farnall, William.....	Smith's Falls.
Mair, David.....	Lanark.
Millford, R.....	Carp.
Patterson, J. R.....	Christie Lake.
Gardner, W.....	McDonalds Corners.

Leeds.

Bilton, George.....	Newboro.
Gibson, John R.....	Mallorytown.
Lappin, J. J.....	Westport.
Murchie, Robert.....	Wilstead.
Smith, Justus.....	Charleston.
Sly, Lester.....	Morton.
Sliter, A. E.....	Morton.
Stone, W.....	Gananoque.
Mathen, H.....	Brockville.
Brown, H. W.....	Gananoque.

Lennox.

Huff, Hiram W.....	Napanee.
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Lincoln.

McPherson, James.....	St. Ann's.
Kennedy, C. A.....	Smithville.
Randall, N. L.....	Grimsby.

Middlesex.

McCann, Peter.....	London.
Beverly, John.....	Dorchester Station.
O'Neil, W. H.....	Dorchester.
Ralph, Thos. J.....	Ballymote.
Ward, R. W.....	London West.
Williams, Alfred M.....	Lobo.
Foreman, J.....	Dorchester Station.
Heney, J.....	London West.
Atkinson, F.....	Ailsa Craig.
Dafoe, W.....	Avon.

Monck.

Moore, Daniel.....Perry Station.

Muskoka.

Kerr, J.....Bala.
 Butler, C. F.....Point Kaye.
 Brooks, Edgar, Jr.....Huntsville.
 Berry, William.....Walkers' Point.
 Bradley, Enos.....Beaumaris.
 Stromberg, N.....Torrance.
 Crompton, W. B.....Aspdim.
 Dart, Stephen.....Dorset.
 Davidson, E. M.....Brackenrig.
 Foreman, Walter.....Port Carling.
 Gouldie, E. J.....Dwight.
 Gohm, William.....Bracebridge.
 Grenke, Gustav.....Rosseau.
 Henderson, Charles.....Bracebridge.
 Harbour, Joseph.....Whiteside.
 Hey, Joseph.....Bracebridge.
 Paget, George.....Huntsville.
 Smith, J. D.....Kilworthy.
 Stephens, George.....Shannon Hall.
 Shannon, Peter.....Port Carling.
 Traves, Elias H.....Fraserburg.
 Silk, C.....Torrance.
 Thornton, Richard.....Huntsville.
 Wood, Michael.....Clevelands.
 Warne, Francis P.....Bracebridge.
 Wardell, John.....Bracebridge.
 Easton, R. T.....Whitoff.
 Hays, J.....Perry Sound.
 Harrison, J.....Whitstone.
 Smith, R.....Golden Valley.
 Traves, T.....Fraserburg.
 Hollingshead, Walter M.....Bracebridge.
 Parlett, Geo.....Bracebridge.
 Torance, W.....Muskoka Mills.
 Weir, James.....Utterson.

Norfolk.

Baker, Huit.....Windham Centre.
 Brown, Isaiah.....Port Rowan.
 Barrett, A. P.....Port Royal.
 Dowswell, John.....Lynedoch.
 Ewing, Alex. B.....Waterford.
 Fick, Jerome B.....Port Dover.
 Hambley, William E.....Rockwood.
 Kramer, Conrad.....Delhi.
 Randall, Robert.....Bookton.

Northumberland.

Diamond, T.....Cobourg.
 Field, Cyrus W....."
 Fairbanks, Chas. S....."
 Merrian, H. N.....Harwood.
 Row, George.....Murray P. O.
 Weblock, James.....Bensfort.
 Wallace, Thomas.....Gore's Landing.
 Hicks, E. C.....Baltimore.
 Terrill, Eli.....Wooler.
 Mills, C.....Warkworth.

Nipissing.

Armstrong, John	Thornloe.
Bailey, John	North Bay.
Garrow, E	Nipissing Junction.
Huntington, S. A	North Bay.
Jessup, Robert	Nipissing.
Smith, E.	Whitney.
Perant, I.	Bonfield.
Hill, W.	Rutherglen.
Rowland, J. S	Sturgeon Falls.
Stoddart, T	Copper Cliff.
Maloney, Theo	Sudbury.

Oxford.

Cuthbert, George	Woodstock.
Huntingford, Henry	Woodstock.
Martin, Richard	Woodstock.
Tisdale, J. E.	Woodstock.
Thornton, J. B	Woodstock.
Edwards, W., Jr	Sweaborg.

Ontario.

Woodworth, Daniel	Cannington.
Bagshaw, Abed E	Vroomanton.
Frankish, F. M	Uxbridge.
Hall, Maxwell	Longford Mills.
Sniber James	Longford Mills.
Gordon, John	Pickering.
Henry, T. S	C. dardale.
Miller, Arthur	Ser'grave.
McGrath, Michael	Beaverton.
McDermott, George	Port Perry.
Pettit, George	Port Peary.
Sutcliffe, James	Prince Albert.
Williams, Charles	Glen Major.
Remey, J. W	Dorset.
Crandall, M. L	Port Perry.
Steele, J.	Uptergrove.
Pringle, J. H.	Cooper's Falls.

Prince Edward.

Lake, Stephen	West Lake.
Rorabeck, Athol	Crofton.
Sprague, George G	Demorestville.

Peterborough.

Moore, F. J	Lakefield
Moore, D. H	Peterborough.
McWilliams, J. B	Peterborough.
Smith, J. W	Peterborough.
Wedlock, Wm	Keene.
Crow, C	Stoney Lake.
King, Noah	Havelock
Lundy, R. B	Stoney Lake.

Parry Sound.

Burns, C. W	Trout Creek.
Butler, Clarence	Trout Creek.
Carmichael, William	Powasson.

Doupe, Sydney	Lawrence Mills.
Draycott, F. W.	Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur	Seguin Falls.
French, Benjamin	Dunchurch.
Groom, Henry	Kearney.
Hall, Wm. H.	Sprucedale.
Johnson, John A.	Parry Sound.
Le Brash James P.	Maple Island.
Mainprize, N.	Golden Valley.
Mitchell, Robert	Cecebe.
McDonald, Arch	Sundridge.
McDermott, G. Benj.	Sundridge.
McGowan, Wm.	Parry Sound.
McAmmond, Wm.	Dunchurch.
Ricker, David	Commanda.
King, J.	Parry Sound.
Brown, Duncan.	Starrat.

Prescott.

Bonville, Leon	St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barrett, John	Turnier.
Cunningham, A.	Wendover.
James, Richard	Alfred.
La Belle, Leonce	Curran.
LeRoy, Ralph	Barb.
La Faivre, Hercule	Le Faivre.
Marston, Lewis F.	L'Orignal.
Martineau, Joseph	Alfred.
McKercher, Peter	L'Orignal.
St. Pierre, Pierre	St. Eugene.
Taneck, Sonis	Riceville.

Peel.

Rayburn, John	Caledon.
Walterhouse, Edward.	Cooksville.

Perth.

Climie, W.	Listowel.
Wilton, R.	Stratford.

Renfrew.

Brady, John	Renfrew.
Biggs, William E.	Pembroke.
Briggs, Aaron	Pembroke.
Coffey, Wm.	Pembroke.
Halliday, James.	Springtown.
Johnson, S. M.	Arnprior.
Kennedy, John.	Pembroke.
McCagherty, P.	Pembroke.
McDonald, Alex.	Pembroke.
McFarlane, A.	Calabogie.
Planut, Xavier.	Renfrew.
Smith, Robert R.	Eggingville.
McLaren, J.	Smoke River.
Yull, Walter	Calabogie.
George, W.	Barry's Bay.

Russell.

Stewart, Peter.	Grant.
McCallum, D.	Cumberland.
Dupius, A.	Embrun.

Simcoe.

Bathie, Edward	Cookstown.
Beardsley, Alfred W.	Barrie.
Coombs, John	Lovering.
Chapman, James	Cookstown.
Filley, George	Cookstown.
Hines, John	Barrie.
Kearns, George	Ivy.
Kitchen, Joseph	Lovering.
Muir, John	Cookstown.
McLaughlin, James	Anten Mills.
Primrose, Alex.	Apto.
Pollock, Thomas	Cookstown.
Ross, Joseph	Cookstown.
Regan, John	Orillia.
Rawson, Wm.	Coldwater.
Somerville, David	Stayner.
Upton, George	Nicholston.
Wilson, J. J.	Fesserton.
Staunton, T.	Hamlet.
Laughlin, T.	New Lowell.
Reid, E.	Everett.
Campbell, J.	Ragged Rapid.
Peckman, G. C.	Alliston.
Cheesman, B. C.	Stayner.
Wood, P. V.	Port Severn.
Lynn, Wm.	Penetanguishene.
Pratt, W.	Midland.
Watson, T. A.	Creemore.
Nixon, Chris	Elmvale.
Johnson, T.	Lovering.
Davidson, J.	Brentwood.
Lowdon, H.	Penetanguishene.
McNiven, D. A.	Barrie.
Doner, J. B.	Creemore.

Victoria.

Bowins, Charles	Coboconk.
Crowe, Nathaniel	Bobcaygeon.
Dewdney, Arthur	Bobcaygeon.
Daniel, John	Balsam.
Ellis, J. A.	Fenelon Falls.
Galloway, David	Moore's Falls.
Harris, Noxon	Bobcaygeon.
Junkin, James	Fenelon Falls.
Lysh, William	Bobcaygeon.
McArthur, Donald	Manilla.
Silverthorn, George	Balsam.
Ray, John	Kirkfield
Arnberg, Claes	Bobcaygeon.
Bryan, Benj.	Lindsay.

Welland.

Augustine, Elias	Stonebridge.
Barkhart, Geo.	Sherkston.
Beam, Horace H.	Black Creek.
Griffin, Richard	Fort Erie.
Hersley, Milford	Garrison Road.
Miller, Chas. A.	Black Creek.
Michener, Cyrenus	Ridgeway.
Neff, Peter	Marshville.
Nixon, J. C.	Welland.
Rose, Charles, jr.	Garrison Road.
Risley, E. E.	International Bridge.

Wentworth.

Gallin, Warren	Waterdown
Raspberry, Wm.	West Flamboro'
Graham, H.	Hamilton.
Hazell, J.	Hamilton Beach.
Anderson, H. J.	Bartonville.
Dills, Wm. W.	Attercliffe.
Morden, E. L.	Greensville.
Randal, R. W.	Hamilton.

Waterloo.

Bulmer, George	Elmira.
Devitt, John	Waterloo.
Fraser, Alex	New Hamburg.
Gillier, Peter	Galt.
Gress, Philip	Blair.
Hall, James	Hawksville.
Mengers, William	St. Jacob's.
Mayers, Frederick	Bridgeport.
Mickers, Joseph	Heidleberg.
McMaster, Thomas	Hespeler.
Stark, John	Hespeler.
Springess, Joseph	Kossuth.
Gammon, W. E.	Ayr.
Riddell, W.	Ayr.
McCruden, Robt.	Galt.
Hurtlung, Carl	Perlin.

Wellington.

Gilchrist, John W.	Gillean.
Hull, Wellington	Erin.
Love, James	Guelph.
Lang, George	Hillsburg.
Robertson, Thos.	Kilean.
Stewart, Donald	Crieff.
Smith, George	Eden Mills.
Stovel, Thomas	Mount Forest.
Williams, Henry M.	Guelph.
Landoni, L.	Dracon.
Robertson, C.	Hillsburg.
Black, T.	Elora.
Ireland, Dr.	Harriston.

York.

Hope, W. B.	Toronto.
Tidsberry, James L.	Coleman.
Kennedy, James	Toronto.
Blea, D.	Humber Bay.
Sanderson, W. H.	Toronto.
Humphrey, P.	Toronto

Province of Québec.

*Crowley, E. B.	Montreal.
*Finnie, Dr J. T.	Montreal.

*These officers have been especially appointed to enforce the Game Laws on Lake St. Frances, which is partly in Ontario and partly in Québec.

ISSUER OF SETTLERS' PERMITS, 1898.

Township.	Name of Clerk.	Address.
Muskoka :		
Morrison	William Young	Severn Bridge.
Kyde	W. Tingey	Germania.
Oakley	A. Cooke	Vankoughnet.
Draper	David Cairns	Uffington.
Muskoka	R. E. Suttaby	Gravenhurst.
Wood	United to Medora	
Baxter		
Gibson		
Medora	H. C. Guy	Dudley.
Monck	W. H. Spencer	Bracebridge.
Macaulay	Wm. Cohen	"
McLean	A. Slemont	Baysville.
Ridout	United to McLean	
Franklin		
Brunel	H. Farnsworth	Emberson.
Stephenson	D. Bain	Utterson.
Freeman		
Watt	Wm. Sword	Beatrice.
Cardwell	M. Wilson	Rosseau.
Stisted	Thos. Lakeman	Aspdin.
Chaffey	Wm. Clarke	Huntsville.
Sinclair		
Parry Sound :		
Mowat		
Blair		
McConkey		
Hardy		
Patterson		
Wallbridge		
Brown		
Wilson		
Mills		
Fringie		
Nipissing	William Haltby	Nipissing.
Gurd		
Himsworth, N	W. S. Ellis	Callendar.
Himsworth, S	James Burke	Trout Creek.
Harrison		
Burton		
McKenzie		
Ferrie		
Lount		
Machar	Richard Cole	South River.
Laurier		
Burpee	D. J. Bailey	Evansville.
Hagerman	F. N. McFie	Dunchurch.
Croft		
Chapman	Jos. Wilson	Magnetawan.
Strong	John Carter	Sundridge.
Joly	Jos. Peacock	Vavasour.
Carling		
Ferguson		
McDougall	D. McFarlane	Parry Sound.
McKellar	G. B. Lee	McKellar.
Spence		
Ryerson	E. Geddes	Midlothian.
Armour	Alexander Mackie	Burk's Falls.
Proudfoot		
Foley	A. Oastler	Featherston.
Christie	Wells Thompson	Orrville.
Monteith		
McMurrich	Thomas Upton	Spencedale.
Ferry	U. B. Clearwater	Scotia.
Bethune		
Conger		
Humphrey	Wm. Ditchburn	Rosseau.

ISSUER OF SETTLERS' PERMITS.—*Continued.*

Township.	Name of Clerk.	Address.
Bruce:		
Albemarle	C. E. Wicher	Colfof's Bay.
Eastnor	C. W. W. Dalton	Lions Head.
Lindsay	Thos. German	Dyr's Bay.
Co. Ontario:		
Rama	John Waldron	Fawn.
Victoria:		
Eldon	Alfred Taylor	Victoria Road.
Dalton	A. Montgomery	Sebright.
Digby	Wm. Maxwell, united to Longford and Laxton	Head Lake.
Laxton	See Digby	
Carden	John Walsh	Kirkfield.
Somerville	Samuel Suddaby	Burnt River.
Bexley	Thomas Winter	Coboconk.
Snowdon	A. H. Brandon	Gelert.
Co. Haliburton:		
McClintock and Stanhope	Wm. Cooper	Boskung.
Livingstone	"	"
Sherbourne	J. B. Shrigley	Dorset.
Lawrence	Wm. Cooper	Boskung.
Nightingale	"	"
Havelock	"	"
Hindon	"	"
Anson	T. H. Rogers	Minden.
Minden	W. S. Morrison	"
Guilford	W. Prust	Haliburton.
Dysart	"	"
Eyre	"	"
Clyde	"	"
Bruton	"	"
Harborn	"	"
Harcourt	"	"
Dudley	"	"
Lutterworth	J. H. Hulbig	Minden.
Snowdon	E. B. Munn	"
Glamorgan	D. Williams	Irondale.
Monmouth	J. H. Anderson	Tory Hill.
Cardiff	A. W. Willis	Deer Lake.
Peterborough Co.:		
Galway	P. Collins	Mt. Irwin.
Cavendish	"	"
Anstruther	P. W. C. Shewan	Apsley.
Chandos	J. W. Ratcliff	Lasswade.
Harvey, N. ½	J. S. Cairnduff	Bobcaygeon.
Burleigh	United to Anstruther	
Methuen	"	
Belmont, N. ½	Porter Preston	Blairton.
Belmont, S. ½	Wm. Mathieson	Havelock.
Hastings Co.:		
Maclure	United to Bangor	
Wicklow	"	
Bangor	D. Card	Maynooth.
Herschel	"	
Monteagle	John Spence	Hybla.
Carlow	W. D. Parkhurst	Boulter.
Faraday	Frederick Mullett	Bancroft.
Dungannon	James Spurr	L'Amable.
Mayo	Robt. Ramsbottom	Heron.
Wollaston	Geo. Orr	Coe Hill Mines.
Limerick	Jas. W. Ham	St. Oia.
Cashel	United to Tudor	
Lake	United to Marmora	
Tudor	Charles Donaldson	Millbridge.
Grimsthorpe	United to Elzevir	
Marmora N. ½	H. M. Jones, M.D.	Marmora.
Madoc, N. ½	J. R. Ketcheson	Madoc.
Elzevir, N. ½	R. W. Miller	Actinolite.

ISSUER OF SETTLERS' PERMITS.—*Concluded.*

Township.	Name of Clerk.	Address.
Lennox and Addington :		
Ashby	Paul Stein	Denbigh.
Denbigh	"	"
Effingham	"	"
Abinger	"	"
Anglesea	M. Lessard, jr.	Flinton.
Kaladar	"	"
Frontenac Co. :		
Barrie	Thomas Nerle	Cloyne.
Miller	United to Clarendon	
North and South Canoto.	J. Elkington	Ompah.
Palmerston	I. Allan	Mississippi Sta.
Clarendon	A. W. Wood	Plevna.
Kennebec	A. Osborne	Arden.
Olden	W. M. Price	Mountain Grove.
Oso	S. C. Bourk	Oso Station.
Lanark Co. :		
Levant	J. M. Browning	Levant.
Darling	A. Watt	Lloyd.
North Sherbrooke	W. Geddes	McDonald's Corners.
Renfrew Co. :		
Petewawa	Geo. Gustin	Petewawa.
McKay	Not organized	
Burns	United to Hagarty	
Richards	"	
Lyndock	United to Brudenell	
Frazer	J. M. Kennedy	Pembroke.
Alice	"	"
Griffith	John Holly	Balvenie.
Jones	United to Hagerty	
Sherwood	"	
Brougham	Michael Sheedy	Sheedy.
Hagerty	T. Roche	Rochefort.
Algona	E. Bennett	Castile.
Matawatchan	United to Griffith	
Wilberforce	Geo. Stone	Eganville.
Radcliffe	J. E. N. Miller	Combermere.
Blithefield	M. Ryan, united to Bagot	Ashdod.
Brudenell	John Whelan	Brudenell.
Sebastopol	Carl Walther	Vanbrugh.
Grattan	Wm. Gorman	Eganville.
Raglan	United to Radcliffe	
.....	J. B. McWilliams	Peterborough.
.....	John Brown	Rockdale.

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Parry Sound.		Jan. 12.	J. Gray	Armour Tp.	Illegal possession of venison.
do		do 12.	S. Jordan	do	do
Nipissing..	J. H. Willmott	do 19.	Antoine LeGros	Beaumarge	Illegal possession of moose.
do ..	do	do 19.	Joseph LeGros	do	do
do ..	do	do 19.	Joseph Restoul	do	do
Simcoe	John Hines	do 26.	— Goffatt	Orillia	Illegal possession of moose hides.
Muskoka ..	R. S. Smith	Feb. 11.	Wm. Hood	Baysville	Netting illegally
do ..	do	do 11.	do	do	Trapping
do ..	Nils Stromburg	do 11.	J. Beer	Gravenhurst	Illegal possession of venison.
Parry Sound.	J. P. Labrash	do 23.	John Argus		
Georgian Bay.					
Algoma	J. H. Willmott	May 15.	— Jackman	Killarney	Illegal possession of fur.
Muskoka ..	do	do 19.			
do ..	Nils Stromburg	do 22.	Wm. Mullen	Tp. Wood	Illegal possession of venison.
do ..	R. D. Brown	Aug. 28.	Mark Bailey	Tp. Stisted	Hunting out of season.
do ..	do	do 28.	Thomas Bailey	do	do
do ..	do	do 28.	Richard Bailey	do	do
do ..	do	do 28.	John Patterson	do	do
do ..	do	do 28.	Wm. Patterson	do	do
do ..	do	do 28.	Richard Patterson	do	do
do ..	do	do 28.	Amos Barrager	do	do
Parry Sound.	J. H. Willmott	Nov. 10.	Thomas Stocker	Collingwood	Illegal possession of moose.
Muskoka ..	J. P. Labrash	Sept. 15.	R. Harrison	Whitestone	Illegal possession of otter skin.
Haldim'nd.	J. A. Gill	Feb. 2.	W. Hair	Buffalo	Shooting without license.
do ..	do	June 16.	Mr. Smidth	Sherkston	Collecting eggs without license.
Norfolk	do	Nov. 13.	C. Prew	Port Rowan	Shooting off a sunken punt.
do ..	do	do 13.	J. Smith	do	Shooting off a sunken punt.
do ..	do	do 13.	Wm. Smith	do	Shooting off a sunken punt.
Welland ..	do	Nov. 28.	D. Isaac	Clifton	Shooting without a license.
Muskoka ..	J. P. Labrash	Mar. 4.	W. Mullin	Unknown	Killing otter
do ..	do	Nov. 25.	G. S. Mitchell	do	Hunting on Sunday.
do ..	do	do 29.	John McCall	Parkhill	Killed more deer than allowed.
Grey	James Myers	April 17.	J. L. Brown	Holstein	Hunting out of season.
do	do	May 21.	A. S. Clark	Mt. Forest	Fishing in a stocked stream and trespassing.

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Was offender arrested or summoned	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1897.
Summoned..	Kearney	{ R. M. Conkey J. Rattenbury J. H. Willmott }	Dismissed with costs.	
do	do	do	do	
Arrested ...	North Bay	Judge Doran	Dismissed with a caution, being an Indian.	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
Summoned..	Orillia	{ P. W. Lafferty J. H. Willmott }	Judgment reserved — afterwards dismissed on account of certificate accompanying skins	
do	Baysville	J. H. Willmott	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	Gravenhurst...	do	Judgment reserved	
			Fined \$10	
				Seized moose robe on the Steamer Northern Belle; restored it to owner subsequently on satisfactory ownership being produced.
do		J. H. Willmott	Fined \$5	
do	Beaumar's	J. H. Willmott	Fined \$10.	Confiscated net on Lake Muskoka.
do	Bracebridge	{ Jas. Boyer and J. H. Willmott }	Fined \$20 or sixty days.	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do		J. H. Willmott	Fined \$25	
do	Dunchurch	Wm. Robertson	Fined \$5	
		J. H. Willmott		Seized nine trap nets in Georgian Bay. They were afterwards returned on account of Dominion Government licensing trap nets.
Summoned.	Buffalo	J. A. Gill	Fined \$12	
Arrested ...	Sherkston	do	Fined \$10 and costs.	
Summoned.	Port Rowan ...	do	Fined \$5	
do	do	do	Fined \$5	
do	do	do	Fined \$5	
do	Clifton	do	Fined \$25	
do	Dunchurch	Wm. Robertson	Fined \$20	
do	do	do	Fined \$20	
do	do	do		
Arrested ...	Holstein	Ira Pennock	Released with warning.	
Summoned.	Ayton	W. H. Ryan	Settled by paying \$5 costs.	

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Grey	James Myers	May 21.	Wm. Roberts	Mt. Forest.....	Fishing in a stocked stream and tres- passing.
do	do	do 28.	Ben. McKenzie	Dromore	Trespass and fishing on the Holstein reserve.
do	do	July 20.	Wm. Dickson	Mt. Forest	Trespassing on Lon- don reserve.
Algoma	Thomas Norquay				
Muskoka	Elias H. Traves	Nov. 6.	Albert L. Post	Wallaceburg	Hunting without license.
do	do	do 10.	Neil H. McPhayden	Oakwood	Hunting without license.
do	do	do 18.	James Schell	Gravenhurst	Killing deer during close season.
do	Francis P. Warne	do 1.		Bracebridge	
Peterboro'	C. Crowe		Unknown	Stony Lake	
Welland	Geo. Barnhart	June 13.	Otmer Rineca & Son	Buffalo	Birds' egg lifting....
do	do	do 13.	Peter Zesh	do	do
Essex	Anthony Banks	Dec. 10.	William Hase	Harrow	Shooting on Sunday.
Middlesex	James Hevey			London	
Algoma	James Whalen	Oct. 14.	M. Litterman	Murillo	Selling caribou
Muskoka	Joseph Hey	Dec. 10.	Wm. Browne	Bracebridge	Hunting partridge in close season
Muskoka	Joseph Hey	Dec. 10.	S. Nichols	Bracebridge	Hunting deer in close season.
do	do	do	F. Jackson	do	Hunting deer in close season.
Algoma	D. Bole	Jan. 27.	John Aenas	Unknown	Offering beaver skins for sale.
do	do	Oct. 18.	Louis Lappa	Detroit	Fishing with net without a license.
Simcoe	J. Daniel Smith	Dec. 3.			
do	do	Nov. 4.			
Leeds	A. E. Sliter	April 26.	Chas. Dawson	Morton	Killing otter
Muskoka	Nils Stromberg	June	John Mullin	Torrance	Illegal possession of venison.
Dundas	James Price	Sept. 18	Albertus Marquette	Inkerman	Fishing by torchlight
do	do	do	Ezra Baldwin	do	do
Brant	C. A. Montgomery	April 25.	Albert Summerhayes	Brantford	Catching pickereel during close season
Frontenac	J. H. Brickwood	May 22.	D. Vroman	Murvale	Violation of Fisheries Act.
do	do	June 15.	F. Stafford	Newboro'	Violation of Fisheries Act.
do	do	June 17.	Thos. McGuire	Kingston	Violation of Fisheries Act.
do	do	Aug. 25.	Col. H. Smith	do	Shooting duck
do	do	Aug. 30.	J. Dunlop	do	Shooting insectivor- ous birds.
do	do	Nov. 25.	H. Smith	Sharbot Lake	Killing deer in water
do	do	Nov. 26.	John Smith	do	do

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Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1897.
Summoned	Ayton.....	W. H. Ryan ...	Settled by paying \$5 costs.	
do	Holstein	Ira Pennock....	Refused to pay fine, sent 6 days to gaol.	
do	Ayton	W. H. Ryan.....	Fined \$1 and costs	
				Seized 500 yds. gill nets, destroyed them; found Jack light and spear, threw both in lake.
Arrested ...	Oakley	Jos. E. Rogers ...	Fined \$30 and costs	Seized one rifle, sent it to Chief Warden.
do	do	do	Fined \$20 and costs	Seized one rifle, sent it to Chief Warden.
Summoned	Gravenhurst...	Kimber Johns...	Dismissed	
				Seized one live doe fawn, shipped without coupon.
Arrested ...	Fort Erie	Jas. Logan	Let go on suspend- ed sentence.	Seized 200 feet of gill net.
do	do	do	Let go on suspend- ed sentence.	Seized sixty eggs.
Summoned	Harrow	John Richmond ..	Fined	
Arrested ...	Port Arthur...	W. C. Dobie.....	Fined	Seized one scoop net, destroyed it.
do	Bracebridge	James Boyer	Fined	
Arrested ...	Bracebridge	James Boyer	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
				Skins seized and sent to Chief War- den.
				Net destroyed.
				Seized 5 traps, still in my posses- sion.
				Seized one spear, still in my poses- sion.
Information laid.	Settled without trial.		Paid \$5 and costs.	
Summoned	Beaumaris.....	J. H. Willmott ..	Fined \$10	
do	Winchester	Wm. Bow	Fined \$10 and costs	
do	do	do	do	
do	Brantford	Thos. Woodyatt ..	Dismissed with warning.	
do	Portsmouth	D. J. Walker	Fined \$10 and costs.	
do	Kingston	do	Fined \$10 and costs.	Oct. 15. Seized some traps belong- ing to Indians, returned them on their promising to stop.
do	do	John McKelvie ..	Fined \$5 and costs.	
do	do	D. J. Walker	Fined \$5	Oct. 28. Destroyed 11 traps set for muskrats in Rideau Canal.
do	do	do	Fined \$5 and costs.	
do	Sharbot Lake .	H. K. Smith	Dismissed	Aug. 15. Broke up a punt used by parties illegally duck shooting.
do	do	do	Withdrawn on pay- ing costs of case.	

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Carleton ..	Harry Head	Jan. 8..	Robert Farmer, Sr..	Eastman Springs ..	Hunting with fire- arms and refusing to produce license when demanded.
do ..	do	do ..	John Preston	do ..	Hunting with fire- arms and refusing to produce license when demanded.
Grey	Peter Munshaw		Robert Gorley	Eugenia	Setting out poison ..
Lambton ..	A. E. Sarvis	Oct. 12..	Adam Rehor	Port Huron, Mich.	Duck shooting from sail boat.
do ..	do	do ..	Carroll Shuttack....	do ..	Duck shooting from sail boat.
do ..	do	do ..	Herbert Kay	do ..	Duck shooting from sail boat.
Essex	John Gormley.		Thomas Greaves ..	Essex	Shooting out of sea- son.
Nipissing ..	S. A. Huntington ..	Jan. 4....	Henry Young	North Bay	Having moose meat in possession.
do ..	do	Feb. 6...	Joe Jocks	do	Having moose meat in possession.
do ..	do	Feb. 6....	Jos. Restoul	do	Having moose meat in possession.
do ..	do	Feb. 6....	Henry Jocks	do	Having moose meat in possession.
do ..	do	Mar. 9....	Charles Thom	do	Having moose meat in possession.
do ..	do	Oct. 8....	J. Belden	Syracuse, N.Y....	Shooting without license.
do ..	do	Oct. 8...	A. S. White	do	Shooting without license.
do ..	do	Nov. 3 ...	L. Jodoin	Bonfield	Running dogs in close season.
Muskoka ..	W. B. Crompton	Nov. 2 ...	John Sherlock	Tcronto	Hunting without license.
do ..	do	Nov. 4 ...	George Hopper.	do	Hunting without license.
do ..	do	Nov. 4 ...	Wm. Smith	do	Hunting without license.
Halton	James Wilson	Dec. 1 ...			
Carleton ..	Robert L. Portt	Oct. 22 ..	Alex. Stewart	Hull	Violating game laws
do ..	do	do ..	Napoleon Lachance.	Ottawa	Hunting on Sunday.
do ..	do	do ..	Peter Charboneau ..	do ..	do ..
do ..	do	do ..	M. Labrine	Aylmer, Que.	Hunting in Ontario.
Hastings ..	Walker Unwin	May 10 ..	Percy Ayre	Toronto	Shooting partridge..
do ..	do	do ..	do ..	do ..	Hunting on Sunday.
do ..	do	Oct. 1....	Thomas Cleveland..	Tudor	Killing deer
do ..	do	do ..	Aquilla Hanna	Madoc	do
Leeds	Lester Sly	Jan. 13 ..			
Peterboro' ..	J. B. McWilliams ..	Nov. 13 ..	Justin Vader	U. States	Shooting in Ontario.
Grey	James Carson	June	Hugh McKay	Durham	Fishing
Halton	John Hazell	do	John Filman	Co. Halton	Shooting ducks in close season.
do ..	do	do	Wm. Clanky	Burlington	Shooting ducks in close season.
Wellington ..	Colin Robertson ..	Dec. 1....			
Simcoe	Robert R. Smith	Mar. 18..			

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Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during season of 1897.
do	Ottawa	L. A. Smith.....	Fined \$20 and costs.	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$20 and costs.	.....
do	Flesherton	A. S. Vandusen...	Fined \$5 and costs.	.....
Arrested	Sarnia	J. G. Johnston	Fined \$50 .....	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$50 .....	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$50 .....	.....
Summoned	Essex	W. D. Beaman	Fined \$5 and costs.	.....
Arrested	North Bay	Wm. Doran	Sentence .....	.....
do	do	do	Let go, being Reserve Indian.	.....
do	do	do	do	.....
do	do	do	do	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$5 and costs.	Seized two nets in L. Nipissing. They were badly torn by the screw of the yacht, and afterwards stolen from the boathouse where they were stored.
do	do	do	Fined \$25 and costs	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$25 and costs	.....
Summoned	Bonfield	P. Leveque	Dismissed .....	.....
do	Aspdin.....	A. Sproat	Fined \$20 and costs	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$20 and costs	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$20 and costs	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized four traps and destroyed them.
Summoned	Ottawa	L. A. Smith.....	.....	.....
do	do	do .....	.....	.....
do	do	do .....	.....	.....
do	do	do	Did not appear .....	.....
do	Bannockburn	I. Maitland	Fined \$5 .....	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$5 .....	.....
do	do	H. K. Smith	Fined \$20 .....	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$20 .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized four gill nets in Sand Lake. Returned on advice of Dominion Inspector.
Arrested	Peterborough...	Geo. Edmanson...	Decision not given.	.....
Summoned	Durham	Mayor W. Calder.	Fined \$1 and costs.	.....
do	Hamilton	E. Tinsley	Fined \$5 and costs.	.....
do	do	do	Fined \$5 and costs.	.....
.....	Seized and destroyed one trap and one net.
.....	Seized and destroyed five nets in Lake Oore.

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Middlesex.	John Gill.....	Jan. 29..	John Farmer.....	Exeter.....	Killing hare.....
Essex.....	F. C. Quallins.....	April ..	O. Wheeler.....	Leamington.....	Shooting ducks out of season.....
do	do	October ..	C. A. Ferguson.....	Ecorse, Mich.....	Shooting without license.....
do	do	do ..	R. F. Ferguson.....	do	do
do	do	do ..	J. M. Reeves.....	do	do
do	do	Nov.....	Lifeheld Hartford ..	Shrewsbury.....	Trapping muskrats out of season.....
do	do	do	John Burk	Harwich Tp.....	do
do	do	Dec.....	Thos. T. Hollinger..	Detroit, Mich....	Shooting without license.....
do	do	do	Harry D. Wright....	do	do
Lambton..	Jos. Kennedy.....	do 6.....	Chas Lyons	Robert's Ldg, Mich	Unlawful shooting ..
do	do	do	Fred Lyons.....	do	do
Grey.....	Ludwig Siegmann ..	July 3....	Noah Esch	Ayton	Net fishing.....
do	do	do	Conrad Seim.....	Hampton	do
do	do	do	John Yost	Ayton	do
Simcoe ..	Thomas Stanton.....	do	do	do	do
do	John Hines	Jan. 12..	W. C. Goffett	Orillia.....	Illegal possession of moose hides
do	do	do 16....	Nosgoe (Indian)	North Bay.....	Illegal possession of moose meat.....
do	do	Mar. 26..	do	Barrie Bay.....	do
do	do	July 23..	do	Moon River	do
do	do	do 29....	do	Crane Lake	do
do	do	Aug. 18..	do	Severn River.....	do
do	do	do 23....	John Stewart.....	Buffalo	Illegal possession of venison.....
do	do	Oct. 26..	do	do	do
do	do	Dec. 4....	do	Lake Simcoe.....	do
Muskoka..	R. D. Brown	Aug. 28..	John Patterson.....	Utterson	Shooting deer in close season.....
do	do	do	Wm. Patterson.....	do	do
do	do	do	Richard Patterson..	do	do
do	do	do	Richard Bayley.....	do	do
do	do	do	Thos. Bayley.....	do	do
do	do	do	Mark Bayley.....	do	do
do	do	do	Thos. Pattereon	do	do
do	do	do	Amos Barragor.....	do	do
Leeds ..	A. J. Flood.....	April 28..	A. Halladay.....	Delta	Illegal fishing.....
do	do	do	Geo. Bulles.....	do	do
do	do	do	David Halladay	do	do
do	do	do	P. A. Jackson.....	do	do
do	do	do	W. J. Bench	do	do
do	do	May 1....	John Sawyer	do	do
Halton ..	Charles S. Racey.....	Nov. 16..	Ernest Young	Milton.....	Obstructing deputy warden in the dis- charge of his duty.
do	do	do	Leonard White.....	do	do
do	do	do	Robert Armstrong....	do	do
do	do	do	John Miles	do	do
do	do	do	Norman White	do	do
do	do	do	Wm. Stevenson.....	do	do
do	do	do	John McJennett.....	do	do
do	do	do	Arnold Jones.....	do	do
do	do	do	Wm. Smith	do	do
do	do	do	Robert Muirhead.....	do	do
Ontario..	Joseph W. Remey.....	Jan. 1....	do	do	do
do	do	Oct. 6....	do	do	do
do	do	do 9.....	do	do	do
do	do	do 10....	do	do	do
do	do	do 18....	do	do	do

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Ontario ...	Joseph W. Remy	Jan. 22...
Peterboro ..	J. W. Wedlock
Nipissing ..	Edward Smith	August...	Mr. Charlton	Hopahango Forks.	Shooting young deer
do ..	do	do ..	W. Guy	Ottawa	Carrying firearms on Sunday
Renfrew ..	Walter Yuill	Nov. 26..	John Box	Calabogie	Killing deer in close season.....
do ..	do	do ..	Box party	do	Killing deer in water
do ..	do	do ..	Alez. Menzies	Arnprior	do
do ..	do	do ..	Alden Bradford	Calabogie	Hunting in close season.....
do ..	do	do ..	Lanark party	Lanark	Killing deer in water
Glengarry ..	Hugh J. Sutherland.	October 3	Unknown	.....	Sunday shooting— without license ...
Bruce	W. H. Lawson	Nov. 9	Geo. Harding	Red Bay	Shooting deer in water and without license
do	do	do 9	Robt. Reid	do	do
Parry Sound ..	A. J. Greer	January 1	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do	October 24	Geo. Hull	Parry Sound	Sunday shooting...
do ..	do	do 24	Jas. Horn	do	do
do ..	do	do 24	Jas. Thomas	do	do
do ..	do	Nov. 10	Wm. Clearfoot and Geo. Stocker	Collingwood	Moose killing
do ..	do	Feb. 15	Charles Labrash	Parry Sound	Putting out poison..
do ..	do	May 30	George White	do	Killing deer out of season
do ..	R. S. Smith	March 24	L. Snider	Georgian Bay	Illegal possession of moose head
do ..	do	do 29	C. Thomas	do	Illegal possession of moose meat
do ..	do	April 5	— Fitz-Ross	Hamburg, Ger- many.	Illegal possession of beaver.
do ..	do	do 17	— Jackman	Killarney	do
do ..	do	Feb. 2	Wm. Hood	Baysville	Illegal fishing and trapping.
do ..	do	April	Chas. Farr	Haliburton	Illegal possession of beaver.
Hastings ..	H. K. Smith	Jan. 20	Robert Ferguson	Cobocconk	Killing deer.....
do ..	do	Feb. 11	David Nesbit	Minden	do
do ..	do	do 20	David Barr	Darling	Selling partridge....
do ..	do	do 20	John Kelly	Almonte	do
do ..	do	April 6	Robert Leichman	Clayton	do
do ..	do	do 7	Wm. Banning	do	do
do ..	do	do 8	Noble Raycraft	Darling	Killing otter.....
do ..	do	do 9	Wm. Rintoul	do	Selling partridge....
do ..	do	do 12	John O'Donnell	Ottawa	do
do ..	do	do 15	W. E. Croft	Middleville	do
do ..	do	do 15	do	do	Otter-skin in posses- sion.....
do ..	do	do 15	do	do	Venison in possession
do ..	do	do 26	John Barry	Asphodel	Trapping out of sea- son.
do ..	do	May 19	R. A. Hunt	Arnprior	Water shooting of deer.
do ..	do	do 19	A. Menzies	do	do
do ..	do	do 19	Dr. Gemmell	Pakenham	do
do ..	do	Sept. 24	H. L. Brewster	Rochester	Shooting without license
do ..	do	do 29	Thos. Cleveland	Cooper	Killing deer
do ..	do	do 29	Aquilla Hannah	do	do
do ..	do	Nov. 15	J. G. Latta	Poucher's Mills	Killing otter

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Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during the season of 1897.
Summomed .	Barry Bay	Mr. Sullivan	Dismissed	Seized jack-light and spear. do and confiscated some traps.
do	do	do	Dismissed with caution	
do			Not tried yet	
do			do	
do			do	
do			do	
do			do	
Arrested . . .			Escaped by firing	into and sinking deputy's boat.
Warrant for	arrest issued	B. B. Miller	Not tried yet	
do	do	do	do	
Summomed .	Parry Sound	J. Farrer	Fined \$5	Seized and confiscated one gill net.
do	do	do	do \$5	
do	do	do	do \$5	
Search war-		J. H. Willmott	do \$25	
rant		G. R. Steel	do \$20	
Summomed .	Parry Sound			
do	do	J. Farrer	Dismissed	
do	North Bay	Wm. Doran	Fined \$5 and costs.	Moose head confiscated and in pos-
do	do	do	do	session of S. Huntingdon.
Arrested . . .			Would not claim	7 beaver skins confiscated and sent to
			furs.	Dep't.
Summomed .	Killarney	J. H. Willmott	Fined \$5 and costs.	
do	Baysville	do	Case not proven	
			Case not called yet.	
Summomed .	Coboconk	H. K. Smith	Fined \$40	
do	Minden	Wm. Fielding	do \$20	
Appeared	Almonte	H. K. Smith	do \$10	
voluntarily	do	do	do \$50	
do	do	do	do \$10	
do	do	do	do \$15	
do	do	do	do \$10	
do	do	do	do \$20	
do	do	do	do \$5	
}	Middleville	do	do \$50	
do	do	do	do \$2	Confiscated furs.
Summomed .	Pakenham	J. A. Munro	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
Arrested . . .	Deposited a se	curity for appear	ance \$40	
Summomed .	Bannockburn	H. K. Smith	Fined \$20	
do	do	do	do \$20	
do	do	do		Confiscated skin, not disposed of.

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Hastings ..	H. K. Smith.....	Dec. 20	David Thomson	Elzevir	Killing and trans- porting deer.....
do ..	do	do 20	Wm Whittle.....	do	do
York.....	E. Tinsley.....	October 23	Ontario Fish Co	Toronto	Selling partridge....
do	do	do 23	M. Williams.....	do	do
do	do	Nov. 20	.....	do .....	.....
Muskoka ..	Elias H. Traves	Dec. 29	John McMillan.....	Bracebridge	Having muskrat skins.....
do ..	do	do 30	John Marting	Lancelot	Trapping muskrats in close season....
Parry Sound..	Robert Mitchell	August 11	Wm. King	Jarlsberg.....	Putting sawdust and other rubbish in Bear Lake.....
do ..	do	do 11	John Nelson	do	do
do ..	do	do 2	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do	do 6	.....	.....	.....
do ..	Thomas McKnight..	May 13	Wm. Graspy	Dornoch	Hunting during close season
Manitoulin	S. R. McKewen	Sept. 3	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do	October 27	James Hutchison...	Sandfield	Fishing with gill nets and selling fish....

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YEAR 1897.—*Concluded.*

Was offender arrested or summoned.	Where tried.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of case.	Nets, traps or illegal appliances seized during the season of 1897.
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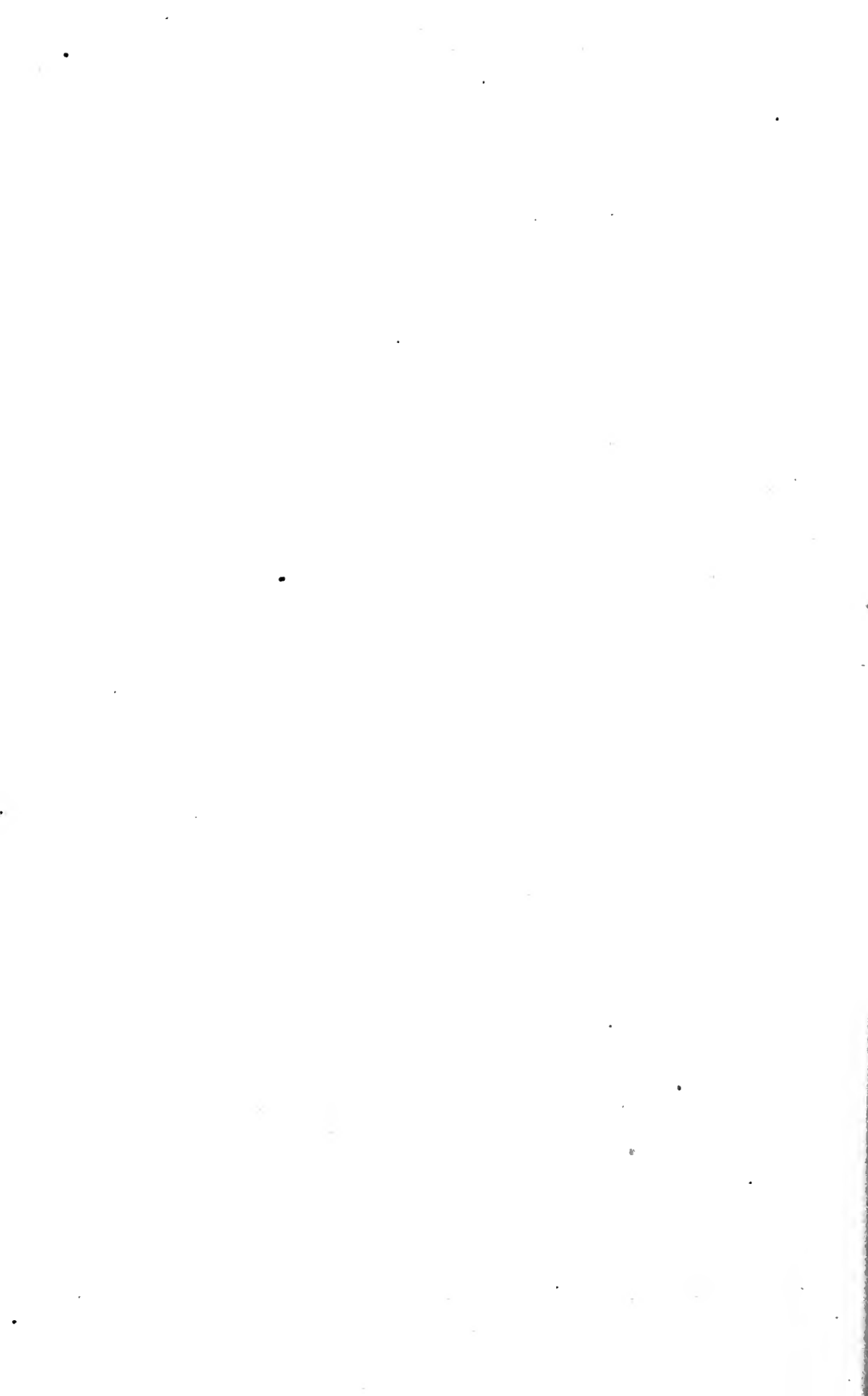
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REPORT OF THE ONTARIO GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario :

SIR,—In presenting this the eighth annual Report of the Game and Fish Commission, we do so with full confidence that in some respects we have made good progress during the past year, but in others we have retrograded.

We are glad to say that many of the changes for the further protection of game which we had the honour last year to suggest to your Government were incorporated in the law, and for these concessions we are confident that all sportsmen and others interested in the subject are truly grateful. Of course, we urged a great many other changes or additions to the Act, but perhaps it was asking too much to expect that all would be adopted by your Government without further thought by those who do not give game matters much thought as a rule. However, we are glad to see that the members of your Legislature are to a certain extent forced by improved public opinion to take an interest in the preservation of the birds and animals of our country.

A much greater interest among the agricultural classes is being engendered by teaching in various ways, not the least perhaps by the very wise suggestion that at the Farmers' Institutes, which are so extensively attended by the farming community throughout the Province, certain lectures were delivered last year upon the benefit derived by agriculturists from bird life. The publicity of pamphlets or bulletins on the same subject, together with the work of your Commissioners and Game Wardens, all tend to draw attention to the subject and to educate those interested therein. We are happy to say that this process of education is going on in the neighboring States as well, and we are confident that it is only necessary to get the public to recognize the benefits of bird life to make them demand that our Legislatures shall take the most efficient steps to preserve the fauna which we have, and to encourage the introduction of other species which will in the future take the place of some of the species of our native birds which we cannot propagate, and which are rapidly becoming extinct.

Some may, even yet, thoughtlessly ask, after all, what is the use of preserving our game birds and animals. To answer this question properly would, perhaps, take up more room than would be warranted in a report such as this; but, in short, we would suggest, first, that the pursuit of game tends to make men of endurance in whom has been cultivated all those attributes which go to make a manly man, one capable of not only thinking vigorously, but also of acting vigorously, and what better education could a man have to enable him to help make a nation capable of taking a first place among the nations of the world? A nation of hunters who have spent a portion of their time in the chase, enduring the necessary hardships in the open air, is sure to consist of men with vigorous bodies and minds, and capable of taking care of their country in time of peace or war. Again, if we look at the question from a financial point of view, we find that it pays to husband the game resources of a country; for, independent of the pleasure and healthful exercise it gives the nation, other people than our own, as in our case, are only too glad to be allowed the opportunity of hunting in our country, and to pay well for the privilege, thus enhancing the revenue directly to the Government and also enriching the people in the districts where the game is found. In Ontario there is an ever-increasing number of hunting, fishing and pleasure-seeking parties making their way to our country from the country to the south of us, and also from abroad, and if we had the facilities for acquiring the statistics as to the amount spent in our country each season we would be amazed at the sum. Last year the State of Maine reported officially through its Game and Fish Commission that at least four million of dollars were spent in the State in the pursuit of game and fish and pleasure during the year. The State of Maine has a system of licensed guides who help the commissioners to get at proper statistics.

Now, while we contend that the Province of Ontario is a greater game and fish territory than the State of Maine, we have as yet no definite facilities for acquiring a knowledge of the approximate value of the game and sporting fish interests of the province. It was in consideration of this deficiency and with a view to affording better protection to those interests that induced us last year to suggest that we adopt the very valuable system of having registered licensed guides which the State of Maine has adopted with such success. It has a force of 1,780 licensed guides who were employed last year in their business 75,600 days, and each one of these men makes a report of their year's work and observations, thus making it possible to arrive at some definite ideas as to the game and fish resources of the country, and also enables the commissioners to suggest intelligently better means for their protection and preservation.

We, your commissioners, last year were fully impressed with the great value and possibilities of such a system for Ontario, and we asked that it be adopted by the Government, for we felt that it would not only give us valuable information, but it would also be a means of better protecting the interests they had in charge as well as yielding something of a revenue to help bear the necessary expenses of game and fish protection, for each guide should pay an annual fee of at least \$1.00 for the privilege of guiding as a registered licensed guide. However, the Government saw fit to emasculate the measure by making the licensing and registration of guides optional with them; of course as a result not one guide as far as we know sought to be registered. The plan to be of any use must be compulsory, and we owe this much to our own as well as to foreign sportsmen who take out the license to hunt in Ontario that the guides whom they employ shall be steady and capable men, fit to be trusted in every way as a guide in the somewhat dangerous positions in which hunters occasionally find themselves. We trust that in order to get the full benefit of this measure your Government will see fit to make the licensing of guides compulsory. Another reason is that the public has a right to have some protection from the number of men who enter upon their property to hunt that the said property will be properly safeguarded, that dangerous fires are not started and immense quantities of valuable timber destroyed, and that not more than the authorized quantity of game be taken. It does not seem yet to be quite realized by the general public what a valuable heritage the game of the Province is if properly taken care of and husbanded. There can not be the least doubt but if properly managed the stock of fish and game should be worth millions of dollars each year to the Province.

Your commissioners regret that although the Province has now full control of its waters little or nothing is being done to restock them with valuable food fish, and especially those waters which are frequented so much by summer visitors and reported to be nearly barren of fish life. We think that those visitors (having spent so much money in our province) have a right to expect a reasonable amount of sport in angling, and we respectfully suggest that something be done toward re-stocking those waters so as to make them more attractive to summer tourists and visitors. A policy of merely issuing licenses to fishermen to fish in the waters of the province until they are exhausted without any attempt to replenish the stock by intelligent and modern plans of fish culture is in the opinion of your commissioners a wasteful and shortsighted policy. We trust that at an early date some steps will be taken to study scientifically the condition of the fish life in the great waters of the Province, and before it be too late scientific methods adopted to re-stock some at least of those waters which are well known to be nearly depleted of the fish life which in former times was so abundant.

To a certain extent the same thing may be said of our forests and covers in the more settled districts. The birds and animals are gradually but surely vanishing and do not now exist as they did a few years ago. This is of course owing to the clearing up of covers and the greater tendency to engage in the pursuit of game and with better guns. We understand that the same precise and scientific means cannot be taken toward re-stocking our covers as there can be of re-stocking our waters, yet very much may be done.

Your Commissioners have made some attempts along these lines by urging that some of the best game birds which have for so many years been successfully raised in European

and other countries, should be introduced here. As a result your Government has been good enough to engage a man at Rondeau Park to do what he can in the way of raising for re-stocking some of these birds. A number of Mongolian and English pheasants were purchased some years ago and they did fairly well for some time since the flock numbered about seven hundred, and we had great hopes of the next year being able to plant a number of them, but vermin made great havoc among them, and besides, many of the birds became affected with tuberculosis, and from this cause a number were lost since it is very infectious when it once appears in a flock of confined birds. An incubator has been furnished Mr. H. Gardiner with which to hatch the pheasant eggs, but that does not seem to have been managed successfully, although better results may be expected next year now that it is better understood. Mr. H. Gardiner, who has charge of the pheasantry at Rondeau Park, makes the following report:—

DR. G. A. McCALLUM,

Chairman, Game and Fish Commissioner.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter of Dec. 23rd I would say that we have succeeded in getting more of the young pheasants into captivity this season than heretofore, for the natural reason that we have more covered-in space to keep them in. We caught them up just as soon as they were old enough to stand confinement.

The plot that we have covered in with wire netting is about 38x75 feet, divided into 4 pens. One pen of 4 Mongolians acquired the habit of plucking feathers from each other. In the cold weather several died from loss of blood when the tail feathers were pulled. I saw an article in a paper saying that to hang raw meat in the pens would stop the habit. I did this with good result, but a number of them are left with short tails.

We had not a very satisfactory season with the incubator, only a few pheasants and chickens were hatched in it. I think the incubator is all right only we had it in a small building too much exposed to the sun, making it almost impossible to regulate the heat. We have an underground cellar for it now and I think will have better success with it next season. I find that it takes time and experience to handle pheasants successfully. We now have about 70 birds, but am sorry to say more than half of them are cocks.

There are 27 Mongolian hens, 6 English hens and 3 English cocks, and if we have have no further loss during the winter, I think we might spare 12 or 15 Mongolian hens and cocks enough to go with them for breeding. Thos. W. Gibson, Secretary for Parks, wants to send 3 or 4 pair to Algonquin Park in the spring to give them another trial there. We want to keep enough here to run the incubator and brooder constantly, some sitting hens also. I think a dozen Mongolian hens and the six English hens will be sufficient for our work. As to the birds wintering in the bush, there is no doubt of their standing the weather and getting their own living, if they were not molested by the vermin (foxes, raccoons, skunks, minks, etc.) We know that there are some pheasants in the bush in the Park, but cannot say if they are numerous.

There are so many coverts and thickets that the partridge, quail and pheasants shelter in, it is next to impossible to know if they are plentiful. The black squirrels and rabbits are increasing rapidly. The six red deer in the enclosure and the three wild in the bush are doing well. The one remaining moose is rather thin. We lost the female moose. In a combat, the young bull moose drove two points of his antlers through between her ribs and in about a week she died of blood poisoning.

I am going to work hard to have a large number of birds to put down at the end of next season.

Your obedient servant,

HERBERT GARDINER.

P.S.—Will write you again concerning plans for the coming season.

H. G.

As will be seen, there will be but few birds to put down in the covers in the spring; still there will be some, and they should be given in charge of certain persons

along the southern borders of the Province. The chances are much against these birds succeeding in the Algonquin Park or the north on account of the snow. The birds must reach the ground during the winter much as quail do, and there is no reason whatever why Mongolian pheasants should not live and prosper in any of the counties where quail thrive. If this proves true, these birds will take the place of the much hunted and destroyed Ruffed Grouse—the bird of all others which sportsmen so love to hunt. It seems to your Commissioners a somewhat strange policy, such as was adopted last year, of allowing the sale of partridge. As every sportsman well knows it has been a great struggle for this noble bird to put in an appearance in any numbers in the southern half of Ontario, and hundreds of sportsmen were holding their hands from destroying it and saving it whenever possible. Your Commission had not a single complaint during late years against our suggestion that no inducement to destroy it should be held out by allowing it to be sold, yet we regret to say that last year a clause was inserted allowing its sale in alternate years. This policy of almost annihilating in many counties this our best native game bird while we are spending each year a good deal of money in an endeavour to raise and introduce foreign birds, was such a shock to sportsmen and others interested that they nearly gave up in despair. We trust that your Government will at its earliest opportunity correct this mistake.

MOOSE.

Reports from the northern districts say that the moose have increased and are there in fair numbers. If the Government decides to allow them to be hunted next autumn your Commissioners would suggest that a special license costing say from \$5 or \$10 should be charged each hunter who wants to hunt moose, and further that only one bull be allowed to each hunter—cows and calves not to be killed on any consideration. The same provisions should be made for caribou. We would also urge that your Government appoint a few detectives to look after the lumber camps during the winter, for we have reason to fear that many illegally killed moose and deer find a market at these places.

DEER.

The deer season just closed has been a most successful one, the game was fairly plentiful and an ever increasing number of hunters enjoyed their outing. A prominent railway official reports as follows of the deer hunting of the season just closed :—

“The Canadian Express Company carried 1,939 carcasses of deer, weighing 196,524 pounds. The Dominion Express Co. carried 93 carcasses, making a total of 2,032 carried by these companies. Returns are not all in from License and Permit Issuers, but so far they show that 3,559 deer hunting licenses and 2,065 Settlers Permits have been issued. These figures being largely in excess of those of 1898. The returns to date show that more than 5,600 deer hunters were in the woods during the fifteen days in which deer could be legally killed in Ontario. You will understand the number of deer carried by the express companies, large as these numbers are, cannot be taken as a criterion of the total number killed. Those killed by the settlers are not shipped, and a large number of hunters from inland towns and villages adjacent to the hunting grounds have the deer killed by them taken to their respective homes by teams. So we will be well within the actual number killed in stating that fully 6,500 were taken during the open season of 1899.”

DUCK.

We have to admit at this the end of another year that as reported last year duck are not so plentiful as they were last year, and we fear that this will be the story each year unless some steps are taken to give the birds a chance. Even at such a wonderful report as Long Point Marsh none of the members this season bagged many more than half the number allowed by their own rules, viz:—500 to each gun. In the opinion of your Commissioners the time has arrived when measures should be taken to protect them in

some way either by stopping the sale or by shortening the shooting season. As these birds cannot be produced artificially so as to re-stock the marshes and waters, we are confident that the great majority of sportsmen would gladly submit to some such restriction for a few years if by so doing the number of birds would thereby be increased. If, however, the present persistent hunting, sometimes by unfair means, continues in our own country as well as in the country to the south of us, we cannot expect the birds to thrive. American sportsmen seem never to think of sparing the birds, since from the time they leave this country in the autumn until the next April they are relentlessly pursued by them, even in the spring when the birds are mated and often contain eggs ready to lay. Although we do not shoot duck in the spring, yet we have often urged that unfair advantage should not be taken of the birds, such as shooting them before sunrise and after sunset, hunting them in sailboats, steamers and skegs, and placing decoys at a greater distance from the shore or bed of rushes than one hundred yards; these are things which our sportsmen do and they should be strictly forbidden by law.

WOODCOCK.

This grand and gamy little bird is fast becoming extinct. A few may still be taken each year but they are becoming so scarce that many think it should be protected for a term of years.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

We regret that year after year we have in the strongest terms warned your Government that in extravagantly granting as many as fifty or sixty licenses to men to destroy all the most beautiful and useful birds, they wanting to make large collections of skins, is simply sanctioning officially one of the most detrimental acts possible for the agriculturist. In saying this your commissioners merely assert what is admitted by everyone interested except perhaps the professional bird skinner and egg collector. These men would, and do no doubt, kill thousands of birds and destroy thousands of eggs of the farmer's best friend. We trust that the members of the Legislature representing rural constituencies will demand that something be done to stop this wholesale slaughter of one of the most useful forms of living creatures. It is their duty to do so.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We have usually placed before the Government a number of recommendations which we have thought desirable, but this year it is understood that your Government have in hand a thorough revision and consolidation of the game laws, therefore until we see how far the new law will reach, we will refrain from making any recommendations other than what has been argued in the body of this report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

G. A. MACCALLUM,

Chairman Ontario Game and Fish Commission.

Dunnville, Dec. 31st, 1899.

REPORT OF CHIEF GAME WARDEN.

TORONTO, January, 1900.

G. A. MACOALLUM, ESQ., M.D.,

Chairman of the Ontario Game Commission.

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting for your approval the work of the commission for the year ending December 31st, 1899.

In my report for 1898 I had the honor of drawing your attention to the necessity of having the Game Laws revised and condensed as far as practical with efficiency; this I am glad to say is being done. Copies of the Orders-in-Council having reference to the Commission with other matters appear in this report, which I trust will meet your approval.

In the discharge of my duties as Chief Game Warden of the Province, I have been ably assisted by the officers of the Railroad and Express Companies, who are doing their full share in the good work of game protection. I am also indebted to the press of the Province, who have inserted in their respective papers anything having a tendency to assist in the work we are engaged in.

WARDENS.

The wardens in charge of districts have discharged their increasing duties in the most satisfactory manner, with credit to themselves and in the interest of the public at large.

Inspectors J. E. Rogers and W. Greer have rendered the Commission valuable service, the former being instrumental in ending the illegal traffic in Moose Meat that prevailed at Sturgeon Falls and vicinity.

DEPUTY WARDENS.

There is a slight increase in the number of deputy wardens, (527) being on the list, an increase of (20) for the year. Many have done good work under very difficult circumstances. Many have been deterred from prosecuting offenders by the fear of having to pay the costs when unable to secure conviction. A remedy for this should be devised to make the present system of deputy wardens more effective.

SPORTSMEN.

I should be remiss in failing to express my warmest thanks to the sportsmen of the Province, not only for the interest they have taken in the propagation and protection of game, and also for the assistance rendered in bringing offenders to justice.

GAME IN ONTARIO.

Returns made show that 3,917 Deer Hunters' Licenses and 2,615 Settlers' Permits were issued, the returns not yet being complete.

These figures show that 6,532 Deer Hunters were in the woods during the 15 days of the open season, each of these men being entitled to kill 2 deer, a large proportion of them doing so. This fact will justify the statement that more than 6,500 deer were killed during the late open season, assuming the very low average of one deer to each resident hunter.

Hunters report a falling off in the number of deer found in localities hunted over for many years past, while from other localities deer are reported more numerous than ever. Another season no doubt will demonstrate the advisability of more stringent protective measures being adopted.

If Moose are allowed to be killed during the present year, *males* only should be killed, and heavy fines imposed for killing cow moose. Many hunters express regret at the retrogressive action permitting deer to be killed in the water.

Judging from the immense number of Ruffed Grouse or Partridge sent to the cities and towns during the past season, and the large number at present in cold storage, has convinced me that another season of similar slaughter would necessitate a continuous close season of several years. The non-sale of our native game birds is a factor that cannot with impunity be ignored.

The combined efforts of the Government and Sportsmen resulting in abundance of quail in the western counties, should be satisfactory to all concerned, and should be an object lesson in preventing a recurrence of the methods that so nearly depleted the Province of this grand and useful little game bird.

Duck Shooting—The fine weather prevailing during the entire open season, enabling the ducks to stay out in the open waters of the lakes and bays, prevented large bags being made, and so far as I am able to learn, with a few exceptions, has not been as satisfactory as in past seasons. In consequence of the exceedingly mild weather prevailing during the months of September and October for several years past, the opinion prevails that the open season should be from October 1st, instead of September 1st as at present. Boats and decoys should not be allowed to anchor, or structures of any kind erected for the purpose of taking wild fowl, at a greater distance than 100 yards from shore or well defined rush line.

No doubt the unprecedented storms in the southern winter quarters of the Woodcock and Snipe has in a large measure been the cause of so few being found in their usual resorts in Ontario during the past season.

WILD TURKEYS.

If any Wild Turkeys in their wild state are still to be found in the Province, efforts should be made to have some captured and placed in the care of the superintendent of Rondeau Park, for the purpose of re-stocking that very suitable locality. Strong measures should be taken to prevent interbreeding with the domestic species.

I regret our failure with the imported eggs of the Capercaillie. I am not sanguine as to the result of hatching the eggs after crossing the Atlantic. I think an effort should be made to procure a few adult birds of the Black Game as well as Capercaillie, feeling sure that both would thrive and increase in our western counties.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS.

The same number of permits to take insectivorous birds were issued as last year, 56, more than double this number being applied for. I am pleased to report that very few complaints reached me of these privileges having been abused.

NON-RESIDENT LICENSES.

Eighty Non-Resident Licenses have been issued, an increase of 28 over last year. The Dominion regulations permitting Non-Resident Sportsmen to take from the Province two Deer, resulting in this increase,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By your obedient servant,

E. TINSLEY,
Chief Game Warden.

BEAUMARIS, December, 1899.

E. TINSLEY, ESQ.,
Chief Game Warden,
Toronto.

Sir,—I have the honor of submitting my annual report relating to game in that portion of the Province under my charge.

Deer.—These animals in many places are reported to be as plentiful as ever, whilst in other sections which have been steadily hunted for years, there is a decided falling off. The decrease is not so noticeable when comparing one year's supply with another, but when comparisons are made with that of 10 or 15 years ago, the diminution is apparent. The march of settlement of our northern country has been, as is always the case in the settlement of new territory, a factor in the destruction of game. On the whole, considering what the game has to contend against, including the thousands of sportsmen who now take their annual hunt, I consider that the supply has been kept up wonderfully.

The Game Laws, which as a whole are well observed, have no doubt been the cause of this satisfactory state of affairs.

There has been a great falling off in the number taken from the neighborhood of the Muskoka Lakes, the number being fully one hundred less than that of last year. A diversity of opinion exists as to water shooting, but the majority are unquestionably against it.

Moose.—As the close season expires in 1900, most stringent measures should be adopted to prevent a wholesale slaughter. I would recommend that one season at least should be left open for hunting. That no individual should be allowed to kill more than one, also that the killing of cows be prohibited.

These animals are undoubtedly on the increase, and are found farther south than formerly. I may mention that I have sent a young buck (deer) to Mr. Bartlett, Superintendent of the Algonquin Park; this animal I had occasion to confiscate.

Partridges.—These birds have been reported plentiful in the more unsettled portions of the northern districts; in the older and more settled portions shooting is carried on to such an extent that scarcely a good breeding stock is left over.

This, and unfavorable nesting seasons, no doubt keep the supply at a low ebb. During the earlier portion of the year I had a number of prosecutions, but there have been comparatively few lately. There are, however, several cases to attend to in January.

The efforts of the Fish and Game Commission are evidently bearing fruit, and it is most gratifying to see their actions endorsed by hundreds of sportsmen.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WILLMOTT,
Game Warden.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 30th, 1899.

E. Tinsley, Esq., Chief Game Warden:

SIR,—Herewith I beg to submit my annual report respecting the condition of Game in this district.

Deer seem to have been as plentiful as usual in most of the localities, according to the report of the hunters. From my observations, however, I do not think the number taken per man has been as large as usual, averaging probably one and one quarter; but, considering the increase in the number of hunters this season, the total number of deer killed will probably be as large as in any previous year.

Partridge, I am pleased to state, have been very plentiful this season, more so than expected, considering how scarce they have been the last two years, and, with favorable conditions and the non sale clause in force this coming season, we may look for a large increase in the quantity of this favorite game.

Ducks have been fairly plentiful in some localities during the latter part of the season, but the number seems to be gradually decreasing, due, no doubt, to the incessant pursuit of them while south during the winter months.

Regarding fur-bearing animals, Beaver may be considered as almost extinct in this district, but Otter are reported as being quite numerous on many of the streams, while muskrats apparently are as numerous as they have been of late years.

Violations of the law are still of very frequent occurrence, but the complaints are investigated and the offenders brought to trial as promptly as possible.

Regarding the issuing of Settlers' Permits, it is pleasing to note that some of the Township Clerks are exercising more care in the distribution, but there is still great room for improvement.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. K. SMITH.

WINDSOR, Dec. 31st, 1899.

E. Tinsley, Esq., Chief Game Warden :

SIR,—I have the honor of submitting to you my report as Warden of the Western District, comprised of Lambton, Essex, Kent, Middlesex and Elgin counties, for the year ending the 31st Dec. 1899.

The Game Laws are becoming more popular and respected by all classes, and this satisfactory result is, in a large measure, due to the good example of the members of the various Sportsmen's Clubs and the associations in my district, from whom I have received most valuable assistance.

Quail shooting has been excellent in Essex and Kent, and a great many hunters from London, St. Oatharines and various other places have had the pleasure of enjoying good sport. Quail are increasing in spite of so much hunting. This is, no doubt, owing to the good care the Quail receives during the hard winters that "Bob White" is yet plentiful. It is a well known fact that Kent county spends a great deal of money yearly for feeding and protecting game birds, also hiring men to attend to it every winter. I know of no other county doing that in my district.

Partridge and Snipe have so far held their own in these parts. In some locations they are plentiful, while in others very scarce.

Duck Hunting.—In the early part of the season duck shooting was good on Lake St. Clair and Horseshoe Bay Marsh, but the birds departed early this year in large numbers. In the Detroit River district and the many islands, more ducks have been killed this year than any previous year since 1893. The weather has been very mild; that is the reason why river ducks have been late in coming.

I regret to inform you that the Governor of Michigan vetoed the *Spring* shooting law, and Michiganders can shoot and slaughter ducks all winter, up to April of the following year.

Deer in Essex are doing well. The people of Oolchester take great interest in them, as they are the only deer of any account in the western district. There is occasionally one seen at "Dawn", in Kent County. Deer have also been seen near Petrolea, in Lambton County.

I may mention that a great many swans have been seen in the bays of Lake St. Clair this fall.

Fur-bearing animals are increasing in the marshes of Fighting Island, Grassy and Canard, especially Muskrat.

In closing my report, I feel it my duty to speak highly of the work of Deputy Warden Lindsay, of Comber, who has always given what help he could, and proved himself a good officer; and the same can be said of Constable Wilson, of Sandwich, who has devoted a great deal of time in looking after poachers and Sunday hunters.

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES F. QUALLINS.

DUNNVILLE, December 31st, 1899.

E. TINSLEY, Esq.,
Chief Warden.

SIR,—I herewith have the honor to submit to you my annual report for number three district.

The increase in game has not been so visible during the past year, one reason being the very noticeable increase in younger sportsmen who are coming to the front each year, the game Act being responsible to some extent. They reason, and rightly, that the close season must result in an increased supply of game up to the time when all have their season's gunning on equal terms according to their abilities. Another reason is that many boys who can get hold of guns may be seen roaming the woods in couples at all seasons with the excuse of hunting the cottontail and blackbirds: their real object being to shoot anything they can find and to practice with their guns.

I would recommend a gun license for all sportsmen and others who might desire to use it off their own premises for the purpose of hunting any kind of birds or animals. The revenue from which should be applied to the propagation of game birds suitable to the climate of Ontario.

Black and grey duck appeared to be quite numerous during the summer, judging from the number seen by myself and many others around their hatching haunts, but proved to be very scarce again when the open season arrived.

Migrating ducks were unusually scarce and remained but a short time with us in comparison with other years. Some say the season was too warm, others that spring shooting by the Americans was the cause.

The smaller birds were about the same as last year. Partridge and quail about held their own. Squirrels, grey, having become quite numerous in some parts of my districts, while the black ones shewed a corresponding decrease.

Wild geese were in fairly good sized flocks in both spring and fall migrations.

On the whole the game law has been more than respected, many lending what assistance they could towards its support that in the past did not take kindly to its restrictions.

As I have reported before, I should like to see the open season shortened by opening on September 15th in place of the 1st. It is the general opinion that the season for all water fowl should open on the same date; the first half of September is too hot, the birds spoil quickly, while the northern duck do not arrive before October. Skunk and mink should be placed on the protected list for one reason among many others to stop the taking of muskrats at the same time and in the same traps at all times.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. GILL,
Warden.

COPY OF AN ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPROVED BY HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1899.

Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Committee of Council advise that Dr. G. A. McCallum of Dunnville, be reappointed as a member of the Game Commission from the first day of April last, when his time expired, and that he be appointed Chairman of the said Board of Commissioners, at the honorarium heretofore annually paid him.

Certified.

J. LONSDALE CAPRÉOL,
Assistant Clerk, Executive Council.

LIST OF ISSUERS OF DEER HUNTING LICENSES, 1899.

J. H. Willmott, Beaumaris.
 William Kirk, Bracebridge.
 J. Sharp, Burk's Falls.
 J. A. Ellis, Fenelon Falls.
 J. A. Johnson, Parry Sound.
 H. R. Shaw, Rosseau.
 S. A. Huntington, North Bay.
 John Regan, Orillia.
 W. H. Lawson, Park Head.
 W. Climie, Listowel.
 P. M. Shannon, Port Carling.
 J. B. McWilliams, Peterborough.
 J. H. Brickwood, Kingston.
 C. A. Richards, Tara.
 John Nott, Port Perry.
 William Fielding, Minden.
 J. Walmsley, Wiarton.
 George Eady, Renfrew.
 William Mathieson, Havelock.
 William Carmichael, Collingwood.
 S. M. Johnston, Arnprior.
 C. S. Gillespie, Campbellford.
 F. J. Moore, Lakefield.
 A. H. Taylor, Ottawa.
 Thomas Beasley, Hamilton.
 James Dougherty, Stouffville.
 T. Fraser, Norwood.
 B. O'Hara, Madoc.
 W. Prust, Haliburton.
 R. Cockburn, Sturgeon Falls.
 R. Rush, Sault Ste. Marie.
 J. J. Bampfield, Niagara Falls.
 William Carmichael, Powassan.
 G. A. McCallum, M.D. Dunnville.
 J. T. Robinson, Bobcaygeon.
 B. J. Gilligan, Mattawa.
 Major T. H. Lloyd, Newmarket.
 T. G. Eastland, Apsley.
 W. A. Field, Lanark.
 Austin Moran, Dacre.
 Peter Munshaw, Eugenia.
 William Long, Kalapore.
 F. C. Quallins, Windsor.
 Charles Knapp, Lion's Head.
 Edward Mosgrove, Kirkfield.
 W. J. Leatherdale, Coldwater.
 J. D. Rowe, Trenton.
 John H. Ramer, Markham.
 Stephen Lake, West Lake.
 William Lynn, Penatanguishene.
 B. C. Hubbell, Marmora.
 W. J. Gallagher, Frankford.
 H. W. Huff, Napanee.
 M. Maybee, Madoc.
 J. Cleak, Bancroft.
 A. R. Carmichael, Sudbury.
 Charles Hart, Barrie.
 F. J. Stewart, Stayner.
 Benjamin Bryan, Lindsay.
 A. R. Ewing, Waterford.
 A. D. Carley, King.
 J. Y. Hammond, St. Thomas.

George Packham, Alliston.
 W. P. McEwen, Almonte.
 F. S. Terrell, Wooler.
 Henry Mathen, Brockville.
 J. F. Gillespie, Picton.
 D. Woodward, Cannington.
 Duncan McMillan, Beaverton.
 J. E. Gould, Uxbridge.
 George Southeran, Millbrook.
 E. J. Breen, Uxbridge.
 H. B. Harrison, Owen Sound.
 Henry Taylor, Perth.
 O. Bascom, Kemptville.
 G. A. Pollock, Aurora.
 John Wright, Flesherton.
 N. D. McCallum, Carleton Place.
 A. E. Sarvis, Sarnia.
 James Martin, Hillsdale.
 David Williams, Gooderham.
 G. A. Stoddart, Bradford.
 Duncan McFarlane, Red Bay.
 A. H. Brandon, Gelert.
 J. H. Anderson, Tory Hill.
 James Scott, Gooderham.
 J. Austin, Kinmount.
 James Reeves, Eganville.
 H. K. Smith, Belleville.
 R. K. Johns, Gravenhurst.
 Peter Stewart, Grant.
 John Carter, Sundridge.
 J. B. Sanche, Mayerville.
 H. Rankin, Prescott.
 John Chanonhouse, Eganville.
 Robert Watt, Brussels.
 John P. Evans, London.
 T. Upton, Sprucedale.
 A. McDonald, Sundridge.
 Andrew Hunter, Moorewood.
 W. R. Craig, Russell.
 John Elkington, M.D., Lavant.
 B. B. Miller, Wiarton.
 F. Iveson, Metcalf.
 Richard C. le, South River.
 F. N. MacFie, Dunchurch.
 Thomas Kennedy, Parry Sound.
 William Campbell, Restoul.
 J. P. LaBrash, Maple Island.
 W. Clearwater, Huntsville.
 G. G. Thrasher, Stirling.
 William Dafee, Avon.
 James Packham, Brampton.
 George Bilton, Newboro.
 James Tedford, Dundalk.
 John Scheich, Trout Creek.
 Andrew Morton, Brantford.
 George B. Holmes, Markdale.
 Donald A. McNiven, Barrie.
 W. H. Blair, Arthur.
 P. K. Newton, Tweed.
 C. E. Clancy, Enterprise.
 S. G. Best, Magnetawan.
 Charles Mills, Warkworth.

 LIST OF ISSUERS OF DEER-HUNTING LICENSES, 1899 — *Continued.*

John Brown, Rockdale.
 Peter D. McKercher, L'Orignal.
 John M. Collins, Ormsby.
 D. McFarlane, Midland.
 S. L. Doolittle, Ingersoll.
 T. W. Jackson, Orono.
 H. B. Preston, Marmora.
 William Harris, Jr., Day Mills.
 George W. Savage, Novar.
 J. B. Shrigley, Dorset.
 Andrew Pattullo, Woodstock.
 Robert McConkey, Kearney.
 Joseph E. Rogers, Toronto.
 George Morrison, Callender.
 William Franklin, Riceville.
 Chris. Nixon, Elmvale.
 Karl Hartung, Berlin.
 William Robertson, Wingham.
 J. R. Gibson, Mallorytown.
 Benjamin Dixon, Unionville.
 J. C. Gilchrist, Woodville.
 W. H. O'Neil, Dorchester Station.
 Nap. Longtin, The Brook.
 William Martyn, Mitchell.
 Harvey Rogers, Cambray.
 F. A. Watson, Creemore.
 F. W. Dunn, Barry's Bay.
 C. C. Gilbert, Seeley's Bay.

George Rutherford, Rosseau.
 E. R. Emery, Eden Grove.
 F. Atkinson, Ailsa Craig.
 Alex. Fraser, New Hamburg.
 W. C. Vanloan, Hagersville.
 John Devitt, Waterloo.
 Fred. Dupius, Embrun.
 W. G. Otto, Vars.
 A. W. Fisher, Stratford.
 Walker Unwin, Bannockburn.
 E. A. Garnham, Staffordville.
 B. S. O'Laughlin, Yarker.
 John Hines, Barrie.
 A. E. Sliter, Morton.
 E. W. Kitchen, Lovering.
 A. W. Wood, Plevna.
 S. W. Davey, Harrowsmith.
 John Stark, Hespeler.
 Alex. Montgomery, Sebright.
 C. W. Davidson, Mount Albert.
 H. E. Snell, Toronto Junction.
 H. P. Dwight, Toronto.
 M. W. Price, Sharbot Lake.
 William Waffle, Cobocok.
 Harry Johnston, Coe Hill Mines.
 James A. Orr, Sudbury.
 John Critchley, Harlowe.

SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED TO FOREIGN SPORTSMEN, 1899.

Horace White, Syracuse, N. Y.
 F. C. Todd, Baltimore, Md.
 H. C. Haggerty, Rochester, N. Y.
 F. S. Wanklyn, Montreal, P. Q.
 Charles Meredith, Montreal, Que.
 Peter McKenzie, Montreal, Que.
 A. J. Dawes, Lachine, Que.
 John Nichols, Montreal, Que.
 D. Robertson, Montreal, Que.
 H. B. Arnold, ——— N. S.
 C. T. Nelson, ——— N. S.
 Lewis Derium, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
 J. E. Tracey, New York.
 A. E. Brush, Detroit, Mich.
 T. S. Hathaway, New Bedford, Mass.
 Geo. N. Smalley, Boston, Mass.
 Charles Campbell, Detroit, Mich.
 W. J. Higham, “
 M. M. Stanton, “
 F. W. Eddy, “
 H. W. Williams, Chippewa Bay.
 H. W. Cannon, New York
 W. B. Dickerman, New York.
 Dean Sage, Albany, N. Y.
 J. T. Fuller, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
 S. B. Corby, Plainfield, N. J.
 John O'Leary, New York.
 G. C. Hartman, Pittsburg, Pa.
 T. Mercier,
 Charles Tousley,
 H. G. Barker,
 Louis Cabot, Boston, Mass.
 Geo. W. McKay, Detroit, Mich.
 S. Baugh, “
 P. Hutchins, “
 A. Anderson, “
 Z. H. Bishop, Wyandott, Mich.
 Gus Baunler, “
 F. H. Walker, Detroit, Mich.
 Donad McLean, “

J. H. McMulhan, Detroit, Mich.
 H. G. Meredith, “
 W. J. Beclore, St. Clair Flats, Mich.
 J. L. Rhodes, Lockport, N. Y.
 J. M. Moon, New York.
 William Nichols, New York.
 Maurice B. Seargent, New York.
 F. W. Sackett, Cape Vincent N. Y.
 E. Wilbur, U. S.
 William Thompson, Detroit, Mich.
 Rev. W. J. Finley, Boston, Mass.
 John T. Lord, New York.
 Walter Abbott, Boston, Mass.
 P. V. B. Ely, “
 G. Y. Hammond, “
 Strathearn Hendrie, Detroit, Mich.
 G. H. Richards, Boston, Mass.
 D. Isaacs, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
 Thos. MacConnell, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 M. M. Zellers, Cleveland, Ohio.
 F. D. Lawrence, “
 W. M. Healy, New York.
 Andrew Mills, “
 B. F. Dutton, Boston, Mass.
 J. H. Smedler, Detroit, Mich.
 G. N. Ralston, Denver, Col.
 A. T. Cabot, Boston, Mass.
 J. A. McAfee, Pittsburg, Pa.
 A. W. Pollock, “
 S. H. McKee, “
 D. W. McNaugher, Pittsburg, Pa.
 G. A. Farmer, Montreal, Que.
 A. T. Bowker, New York.
 Aubrey Smith, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
 W. E. Warner, Detroit, Mich.
 Walter Hinkiel, Baltimore Bay.
 Edmond Hayes, Buffalo, N. Y.
 David Gray, De roit, Mich.
 W. F. Blake, “
 S. J. Bowling, “

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.

Algoma.

Anderson, Alexander, Pearl River, C.P.R.
 Brown, Frank, Port Arthur.
 Bolo, Duncan, Sault Ste. Marie
 Black, Andrew, Richard's Landing.
 Congrave, Geo. [care H. Munro] Port Arthur
 Emmons, John. Rat Portage.
 Fraser, D., " "
 Geddes, Thomas R., Jack Fish Bay.
 Gilmour, William, Sault Ste. Marie.
 Harris, John, " "
 Higgins, Wm., Thessalon.
 McKewen, S. R., Tekkummah.
 McKirdy, Wm. Nepigon.
 Patterson, M. J., Webbwood.
 Riley, Edward, Port Arthur.
 Rush, Robert, Sault Ste. Marie.
 Reid, W. D., Thompson.
 Smith, Alfred Bird, Schreiber.
 Whalen, Joseph, Port Arthur.
 Woods, J. M., Thessalon.
 Kemp, L., Silver Lake, Manitoulin Island.
 Harkness M., Vavasour.
 Hymer, G., Beaver Mine.
 Curran, T., Murilla.
 Hyman, G., " "
 Piper, D., Slate River.
 Wentfield, H., Kaministiquia.
 Morton, E. A., Port William.
 Lalonde, E., Port Arthur.
 Grattan, H., " "
 McIlwraith, J., Nepigon.
 Walker, J., Schreiber.
 Norquay, T., Manitowaning.
 Tennant, D., Uplands.
 Carmichael, A. R., Sudbury.
 Harris, W. J., Day Mills.
 Allard, John, Sault Ste. Marie.

Addington.

Donaldson, William J., Donaldson's Mills.
 Clancy, C. E., Enterprise.

Bruce.

Armstrong, Joseph, Kinloss.
 Barley, Edward, Lion's Head.
 Farquharson, John, Teeswater.
 Gardiner, John H., Lucknow.
 Grey, Wesley, Che-le-y.
 Henry, George, Port Elgin.
 Henderson, James, Kincardine.
 Heffernan, Patrick, Walkerton.
 Hogg, Wm. W., Paisley.
 Lawson, W. H., Park Head.
 Millions, Robert, Walkerton.
 Manly, David, Riversdale.
 McKillop, Hugh, Hepworth.
 McIvor, John, McIvor.
 McFarlane, Duncan, Red Bay.
 McDonald, Donald, Ripley.

Bruce.—Continued.

Pratt, John, Kincardine.
 Richards, Chas. A., Tara.
 Curry, John, Goderich.
 Wiginton, J., Clinton.

Brant.

Montgomery, C. A., Brantford.
 McGlaughlin, Geo. W., Brantford.
 Irving, Robt. P., Glenmorris.
 Willett, B. P., St. George.
 Telfer, W., Paris.

Carleton.

St. George, George, Ottawa.
 Taylor, A. H., Ottawa.
 Portt, Robt. L., South March.

Dufferin

Durkin, Wm., Bowling Green.
 Gordon, James, Monticello.
 Aubbard, James J., Orangeville.

Durham.

Carson, J., Durham.
 Jackson, T. W. Orono.

Dundas.

Cameron, Lachlin, Iroquois.
 Price, James, Inkerman.

Elgin.

Fairbrother, Wm., St. Thomas.
 Fowler, Jacob, Fingal.
 Hannen, Isaac, Union.
 Hopkins, John, St. Thomas.
 Huffman, Jeremiah, Aylmer.
 Hammond, John, Aylmer.
 Kirkpatrick, Donald, West Lorne.
 Miller, Robert, Lawrence Station.
 Neeley, John R., Fingal.
 Philpott, Wm., Iona.
 Thornton, Henry, St. Thomas.
 Gardiner, H., Morpeth.
 Chute, Ernest A., Lakeview.
 Goodall, James, Wallacetown.

Essex.

Ontago, Daniel, Sandwich.
 Banks, Anthony, Harrow.
 Cornette, Chas. F., Belle River.
 Teller, Wolfe, Walkerville.
 Gignac, Horace, Gordon.
 Gormley, John, Essex.
 Holland, Hugh, Comber.
 Hillman, Jonas, Hillman.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.—*Con.**Essex.—Con.*

Ives, Arthur, Leamington.
 King, George, Ruthven.
 Lindsay, William, Comber.
 Lemaitre, Seraphim, Tecumseth.
 Marters, Allios, Sandwich.
 Meloche, Joseph, Sandwich.
 Robert, Joseph, Sandwich.
 Smiley, C., Windsor.
 White, Jesse, Cottam.
 Rivard, Napoleon, Tecumseth.
 Soulliere, Stephen, Tecumseth.
 White, James H. Pelee Island.
 Walker, Noll, St. Joachim.
 Louchereau, Stephen, St. Clair Siding.
 Mills, Chas., Wheatley.
 Hugill, W., Staples.
 Solmone, C., Amherstburg.
 Fontine, W. Fighting Island.

Frontenac.

Albertson, George, Verona.
 Brickwood, James H., Kingston.
 Clark, Norman, Mississippi.
 Darcy, Sydney W., Murvale.
 Dermott, J. A., Tichborne.
 Dowker, Wm. S., Harrowsmith.
 Gilbert, Robert, Ompah.
 Gates, George, Westbrook.
 Greenwood, George, Wolfe Island.
 Pallier, Alexander, Wilmur.
 Smoke, Edward H., Desert Lake.
 Smith, David John, Parham.
 Sly, Henry, Verona.
 Tryon, Levi, Sharbot Lake.
 Tallon, James, Arden.
 Walker, Nelson, Cataraqui.
 Woods, J. M., Arden.
 Woodman, W. G., Allen (Wolfe Island).
 York, E. M., Bellrock.

Grey.

McKnight, Thomas, Pornach.
 Campbell, Malcolm, Hanover.
 Holmes, Geo. B. Markdale.
 Long, William, Kolapore.
 Simmons, M. H. Oxenden.
 Leizman, Ludwig, Neustadt.
 Wilson, William H., Shouldice.
 Myers, J., Orchard.
 Munshaw, P., Eugenia.
 Webb, J., Vandeleur.
 Hickling, J., Maxwell.
 Peterson, W. H. Dundalk.
 Tedford, J., Dundalk.

Glengarry.

Clark, James, Dominionville.
 2 G.F.

Glengarry.—Continued.

Dickson, Daniel, Williamstown.
 Dunn, Ambrose, South Lancaster.
 McGilhray, Donald W., Dalkeith.
 McNaughton, J. P., Laggan.
 McRae, Donald C., North Lancaster.
 Stewart, M. W., Greenfield.
 Pepin, E., Bainsville.
 Sutherland, Hugh, Bainsville.

Hastings.

Barr, Peter, Maynooth.
 Brinklow, Henry, Ormsby.
 Birrell, James, Glanmire.
 Bowel, W. J., Tweed.
 Fauldner, Dr. D. W., Foxboro.
 Faulkner, Dr. G. W., Stirling.
 Foster, Alexander, Egan Creek.
 Rupert, Thomas, Springbrook.
 Sweet, A. H., Bancroft.
 Sweet, W. James, Bancroft.
 Tivy, Richard S., Coe Hill.
 Unwin, Walker, Bannockburn.
 Hubell, B. C., Marmora.
 Taylor, J., Murchison.

Halton.

Bradley, Stinson, Milton.
 Brown, Robert M., Campbellville.
 Crawford, Murray, Campbellville.
 Johnston, Walter N., Milton.
 Lawson, John, Acton.
 Racey, C. S., Milton.
 Saunders, Edward G., Agerson.
 Wilson, James, Bronte.
 Hewson, G., Milton.

Huron.

Creech, James, Exeter.
 Dalton, Morgan, Kingsbridge.
 Gill, John, Exeter.
 Horton, George, Gorrie.
 Naftal, Chas. J. S., Goderich.
 Rider, J., Clinton.
 Ross, John M., Blyth.
 Sands, John, Salford.
 Seager, Charles, Goderich.
 Scott, Alex., Westfield.
 Watt, R., Brussels.
 Anderson, J. A., Seaforth.
 McKay, Peter, Chiselhurst.
 Foster, Byron, Holmesville.

Haliburton.

Day, Joseph, Essonville.
 Hamilton, W. J., Dorset.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.—*Con.**Haldimand.*

Chrysler, Robert, North Cayuga.
 Everingham, Wm., Canfield.
 Farrell, John, Cayuga.
 Winslow, Martin, Dunnville.

Kent.

Boles, Gordon, Chatham.
 Crouch, Samuel, Ridgetown.
 Eberts, Frank G., Chatham.
 Johnson, W. J., Fargo.
 Gardiner, Isaac, Morpeth.
 Kime, George, Big Point.
 Smith, W. D., Tilbury.
 Cosgrove, M., Selton.
 Dewar, G., Mitchal's Bay.
 Robertson, Victor, Chatham.
 Southgate, R. M., Wallaceburg.
 Thomas, Joseph, Williams.
 Fisher, B., Wallaceburg.
 McGregor, J. D., Chatham.
 Dagneau, David, Chatham.
 Waffle, Noah, Dresden.
 Grieves, L. D., Rond Eau.

Lambton.

Beil, John, Port Frank.
 Deans, James, Inwood.
 Everest, G. M., Arkona.
 Kennedy, Joseph, Port Lambton.
 Miller, Frank, Port Franks.
 Mott, Edwin L., Alvinston.
 Myers, S., Port Lambton.
 Taylor, S. P., Watford.
 Mountain, H., Walpole Island.
 Sarvis, A. E., Sarnia.
 Burley, S., Port Franks.
 Hales, Hiram, Bridgen.

Lanark.

Deacon, Ephraim, Bolingbroke.
 Farnall, William, Smith's Falls.
 Mair, David, Lanark.
 Millford, R., Carp.
 Patterson, J. R., Christie Lake.
 Gardner, W., McDonald's Corners.

Leeds.

Bilton, George, Newboro.
 Gibson, John R., Mallorytown.
 Lappin, J. J., Westport.
 Murchie, Robert, Wilstead.
 Smith, Justus, Charlestown.
 Sly, Lester, Morton.
 Sliter, A. E., Morton.
 Stone, W., Gananoque.
 Mathen, H., Brockville.
 Brown, H. W., Gananoque.

Lennox.

Huff, Hiram W., Napanee.

Lincoln.

McPherson, James, St. Ann's
 Kennedy, C. A., Smithville.
 Randall, N. L., Grimsby.

Middlesex.

McCann, Peter, London.
 Beverly, John, Dorchester Station.
 O'Neil, W. H., Dorchester.
 Ralph, Thos. J., Ballymure.
 Ward, R. W., London West.
 Williams, Alfred M., Lobo.
 Forman, J., Dorchester Station.
 Heney, J., London West.
 Atkinson, F., Ailsa Craig.
 Dafoe, W., Avon.

Monck.

Moore, Daniel, Perry Station.

Muskoka.

Kerr, J., Bala.
 Butler, C. F., Point Kaye.
 Brooks, Edgar, Jr., Huntsville.
 Berry, William, Walker's Point.
 Bradley, Enos, Beaumaris.
 Stromberg, N., Torrance.
 Crompton, W. B., Aspdin.
 Dart, Stephen, Dorset.
 Davidson, E. M., Brackenrig.
 Foreman, Walter, Port Carling.
 Gouldie, E. J., Dwight.
 Gohm, William, Bracebridge.
 Grenke, Gustav, Rosseau.
 Henderson, Charles, Bracebridge.
 Harbour, Joseph, Whiteside.
 Paget, George, Huntsville.
 Stephens, George, Shannon Hall.
 Shaanon, Peter, Port Carling.
 Traves, Elias H., Fraserburg.
 Silk, C., Torrance.
 Thornton, Richard, Huntsville.
 Wood, Michael, Cleveland.
 Warne, Francis P., Bracebridge.
 Wardell, John, Bracebridge.
 Easton, R. T., Whitoff.
 Hays, J., Parry Sound.
 Harrison, J., Whitstone.
 Smith, R., Golden Valley.
 Traves, T., Fraserburg.
 Hollingshead, Walter M., Bracebridge.
 Parlett, Geo., Bracebridge.
 Torrance, W., Muskoka Mills.
 Weir, James, Utterson.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.—*Con.**Muskoka.—Con.*

McLean, Neil, Morrison Lake.
Laforce, Muskoka Mills.

Norfolk.

Baker, Huit, Windham Centre.
Brown, Isaiah, Port Rowan.
Barrett, A. P., Port Royal.
Dowsell, John, Lynedoch.
Ewing, Alex. B., Waterford.
Fick, Jerome B., Port Dover.
Hambley, William E., Rockwood.
Kramer, Conrad, Delhi.
Randall, Robert, Bookton.

Northumberland.

Diamond, T., Cobourg.
Field, Cyrus W., "
Fairbanks, Chas. S., "
Merrian, H. N., Harwood.
Row, George, Murray P. O.
Weblock, James, Bensfoot.
Wallace, Thomas, Gore's Landing.
Hicks, E. C., Baltimore.
Terrill, Eli, Wooler.
Mills, C., Warkworth.
Davis, C. D., Murray.
Cook, Louis, Campbellford.

Nipissing.

Armstrong, John, Thornloe.
Bailey, John, North Bay.
Garrow, E., Nipissing Junction.
Huntington, S. A., North Bay.
Jessup, Robert, Nipissing.
Smith, E., Whitney.
Perant, I., Bonfield.
Hill, W., Rutherglen.
Rowland, J. S., Sturgeon Falls.
Stoddart, T., Copper Cliff.
Maloney, Theo., Sudbury.
Avery, G., Copper Cliff.

Oxford.

Cuthbert, George, Woodstock.
Huntingford, Henry, Woodstock.
Martin, Richard, Woodstock.
Tisdale, J. E., Woodstock.
Thornton, J. B., Woodstock.
Edwards, W., Jr., Sweaburg.
Watters, W., Drumbo.

Ontario.

Woodworth, Daniel, Cannington.
Bagshaw, Abed E., Vroomanton.
Frankish, F. N., Uxbridge.

Hall, Maxwell, Longford Mills.
Sniber, James, Longford Mills.
Gordon, John, Pickering.
Miller, Arthur, Seagrave.
McGrath, Michael, Beaverton.
McDermott, George, Port Perry.
Pettit, George, Port Perry.
Sutcliffe, James, Prince Albert.
Williams, Charles, Glen Major.
Remey, J. W., Dorset.
Crandall, M. L., Port Perry.
Steele, J., Uptergrove.
Pringle, J. H., Cooper's Falls.
Goodman, C., Oshawa.

Prince Edward.

Lake, Stephen, West Lake.
Rorabeck, Athol, Crofton.
Sprague, George G., Demorestville.

Peterborough.

Moore, F. J., Lakefield.
Moore, D. H., Peterborough.
McWilliams, J. B., Peterborough.
Smith, J. W., Peterborough.
Wedlock, Wm., Keene.
Crow, C., Stoney Lake.
King, Noah, Havelock.
Lundy, R. B., Stoney Lake.

Parry Sound.

Burns, C. W., Trout Creek.
Butler, Clarence, Trout Creek.
Carmichael, William, Powassan.
Welsh, C. H., Sundridge.
Doupe, Sidney, Lawrence Mills.
Draycott, F. W., Ashdown.
Fry, Arthur, Seguin Falls.
French, Benjamin, Dunchurch.
Groom, Henry, Kearney.
Hall, Wm. H., Sprucedale.
Johnson, John A., Parry Sound.
Le Brash, James P., Maple Island.
Mainprize, N., Golden Valley.
Mitchell, Robert, Cecebe.
McDonald, Arch., Sundridge.
McDermott, G. Benj., Sundridge.
McGowan, Wm., Parry Sound.
McAmmond Wm., Dunchurch.
Ricker, David, Commanda.
King, J., Parry Sound.
Brown, Duncan, Starrat.
McGee, R., Whitestone.
Labrash, W., Maple Island.
Taylor, E., Parry Sound.

Prescott.

Bonville, Leon, St. Isidore de Prescott.
Barrett, John, Turnier.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.—*Con.**Prescott.—Con.*

Cunningham, A., Wendover.
 James, Richard, Alfred.
 La Belle, Leonce, Curran.
 LeRoy, Ralph, Barb.
 La Faivre, Hercule, Le Faivre.
 Marston, Lewis F., L'Orignal.
 Martineau, Joseph, Alfred.
 McKercher, Peter, L'Orignal.
 St. Pierre, Pierre, St. Eugene.
 Taneck, Sonis, Riceville.

Peel.

Rayburn, John, Caledon
 Waltherhouse, Edward, Cooksville.

Perth.

Climie, W., Listowel.
 Wilson, R., Stratford.
 Fisher, A. W., Stratford.

Renfrew.

Brady, John, Renfrew.
 Biggs, William E., Pembroke.
 Briggs, Aaron, Pembroke.
 Coffey, Wm., Pembroke.
 Halliday, James, Springtown.
 Johnson, S. M., Arnprior.
 Kennedy, John, Pembroke.
 McCagherty, P., Pembroke.
 McDonald, Alex., Pembroke.
 McFarlane, A., Calabogie.
 Planut, Xavier, Renfrew.
 Smith, Robert R., Eganville.
 McLaren, J., Smoke River.
 Yull, Walter, Calabogie.
 George, W., Barry's Bay.

Russell.

Stewart, Peter, Grant.
 McCallum, D., Cumberland.
 Dupius, A., Embrun.
 Longtin, N., The Brook.

Simcoe.

Bathie, Edward, Cookstown.
 Beardsley, Alfred W., Barrie.
 Coombs, John, Lovering.
 Chapman, James, Cookstown.
 Fidler, George, Cookstown.
 Hines, John, Barrie.
 Kearns, George, I. y.
 Kitchen, Joseph, Lovering.
 Muir, John, Cookstown.
 McLaughlin, James, Anten Mills.
 Primrose, Alex., Apto.
 Pollock, Thomas, Cookstown.

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Ross, Joseph, Cookstown.
 Regan, John, Orillia.
 Rawson, Wm., Coldwater.
 Somerville, David, Stayner.
 Upton, George, Nicholston.
 Wilson, J. J., Fesserton.
 Staunton, T., Hamlet.
 Laughlin, T., New Lowell.
 Reid, E., Everett.
 Campbell, J., Ragged Rapid.
 Peckman, G. C., Alliston.
 Cheesman, B. C., Stayner.
 Wood, P. V., Port Severn.
 Lynn, Wm., Penetanguishene.
 Pratt, W., Midland.
 Watson, T. A., Creemore.
 Nixon, Chris., Elmvale.
 Davidson, J., Brentwood.
 Loudon, H., Penetanguishene.
 McNiven, D. A., Barrie.
 Doner, J. B., Creemore.
 Labatt, F., Port Severn.
 McFarlane, D., Midland.

Victoria.

Bowins, Charles, Coboconk.
 Crowe, Nathaniel, Bobcaygeon.
 Dewdney, Arthur, Bobcaygeon.
 Daniel, John, Balsam.
 Ellis, J. A., Fenelon Falls.
 Galloway, David, Moore's Falls.
 Harris, Noxon, Bobcaygeon.
 Junkin, James, Fenelon Falls.
 Lysb, Wm., Bobcaygeon.
 McArthur, Donald, Manilla.
 Silverthorn, George, Balsam.
 Ray, John, Kirkfield.
 Arnberg, Claes, Bobcaygeon.
 Bryan, Benj., Lindsay.

Welland.

Augustine, Elias, Stonebridge.
 Barkhart, George, Sherkston.
 Beam, Horace H., Black Breek.
 Griffin, Richard, Fort Erie.
 Hersley, Milford, Garrison Road.
 Miller, Chas. A., Black Creek.
 Michener, Cyrenus, Ridgeway.
 Neff, Peter, Marshville.
 Nixon, J. C., Welland.
 Rose, Chas., Jr., Garrison Road.
 Risley, E. E., International Bridge.

Wentworth.

Gallin, Warren, Waterdown.
 Raspberry, Wm., West Flamboro'.
 Graham, H., Hamilton.
 Hazell, J., Hamilton Beach.

LIST OF DEPUTY WARDENS BY COUNTIES.—*Con.*

Anderson, H. J., Bartonville.
Dills, Wm. W., Attercliffe.
Morden, E. L., Greensville.
Randal, R. W., Hamilton.

Waterloo.

Bulmer, George, Elmira.
Devitt, John, Waterloo.
Fraser, Alex., New Hamburg.
Gillier, Peter, Galt.
Gress, Philip, Blair.
Hall, James, Hawksville.
Mengers, William, St. Jacobs.
Mayers, Frederick, Bridgeport.
Mickers, Joseph, Heidleberg.
McMaster, Thomas, Hespeler.
Stark, John, Hespeler.
Springess Joseph, Kossuth.
Gammon, W. E., Ayr.
Riddell, W., Ayr.
McCruden, Robt., Galt.
Hartung, Karl, Berlin.

Wellington.

Gilchrist, John W., Gillean.
Hull, Wellington, Erin.
Love, James, Guelph.

Wellington.—Con.

Lang, George, Hillsburg.
Robertson, Thomas, Kilean.
Stewart, Donald, Crieff.
Smith, George, Eden Mills.
Stovel, Thomas, Mount Forest.
Williams, Henry M., Guelph.
Landoni, L., Dracon.
Robertson, C., Hillsburg.
Black, T., Elora.
Ireland, Dr., Harriston.
McNamara, M., Arthur.
Mereweather, H. D., Guelph.

York.

Hope, W. B., Toronto.
Tidsberry, James L., Coleman.
Kennedy, James, Toronto.
Blea, D., Humber Bay.
Sanderson, W. H., Toronto.
Humphrey P., Toronto.

Province of Quebec.

*Crowley, E. B., Montreal.
*Finnie, Dr. J. T., Montreal.

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Simcoe	John Hines	March 9.			
	do	do 11.			
	do	April 5.			
Frontenac.	Geo. Gates	do 20.	John Theobald	Kingston	Trespass
	do	do 20.	— Stewart	do	Running hares
Waterloo.	Karl Harttung	do 1.	Karl Muller	Berlin	Shooting duck out of season.
Leeds	Geo. Bilton	July 29.	Joseph McDonald	Portland	Shooting duck
Lanark.	David Mair	Oct. 8.	William Kingston	Tatlock	Hunting deer
	do	do 8.	Henry Raycroft	do	do
Frontenac.	J. H. Brickwood	Jan. 22.	Chas. Potter	Cataraqui	Killing black squirrel
	do	Mch. 21.	D. Larush	Wolf Island	Breaking rat houses.
	do	Feb. 19.	A. Seers	Perth Road	Deer in possession
	do	April 1.	H. Amery	do	Hunting deer without license.
	do	do 18.	D. Namey	Wilmur	Killing deer in water
	do	do 11.	Wm. Shales	Perth Road	Hunting without license.
	do	May 17.	Geo. Woodruff	Sydenham	do
	do	do 19.	D. McQuade	Wilmur	Shooting on Sunday.
	do	April 7.	Sol Croak	Parham	Hunting deer without license.
	do	May 7.	Allen Wager	do	do
	do	do 7.	J. M. Wager	do	do
	do	do 7.	G. Cronk	do	do
	do	do 7.	Dan. McLeod	do	do
	do	do	John Brouce	Kingston	Killing deer in water
	do	do 20.	Wm. Nancourt	Perth Road	Killing deer in close season.
	do	April 20.	A. Gibson	Kingston	Shooting fish
	do	do 20.	A. Mahood	do	do
	do	Aug. 1.	Allen Wallace	New York	Sunday fishing
Prince Edward.	Stephen Lake				
Elgin	J. M. Huffman	May 20.	George House	Aylmer	Catching undersized trout.
Peterboro'	Wm. Wedlock	Aug. 15.	Chas. Parks	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Attempting to shoot.
	do	Oct. 8.			
Lanark.	J. W. Kirkwood	do 20.			
Hastings	Walker Unwin	Dec. 20.	D. Thompson	Bridgewater	Killing deer
	do	do 20.	Wm. Whittle	do	do
Carleton	Robert L. Port	Feb. 13.			
	do	do 28.			
	do	Nov. 26.			
Victoria.	Benjamin Bryan	Aug. 12.	D. V. Wait	Lindsay	Killing wild duck out of season.
	do	do 12.	A. H. Wait	do	

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				Two small gill-nets and confiscated same; seized a quantity of spears and have same still in my posses- sion.
				Seized one small gill net in Notta- wasaga river and confiscated same.
Summoned	Cataraqui	Jno. Simpson	Dismissed	
Summoned	Berlin	J. A. Mackie	Fined \$5	
Paid without trial.		H. K. Smith	do \$5	
Summoned	Lanark	Jno. McLean	Dismissed with costs.	
do	do	do	do	
do	Kingston	D. J. Walker	Fined \$5 and costs	
do	do	do	do 10 do	
Search war- rant.	do	do		Sent to Rondeau Park.
Summoned	Sydenham	H. K. Smith	Fined \$20 and costs	
do	do	do	do 20 do	
do	do	do	do 20 do	Admitted.
do	do	do	do 20 do	do
do	do	do	do 5 do	do
do	do	do	do 20 do	
do	Parham	do	do 20 do	
do	do	do	do 20 do	
do	do	do	do 20 do	
do	do	do	do 20 do	
do	do	do	do 20 do	
Admitted	Kingston	D. J. Walker	do 20 do	Suspended sentence.
	do	H. K. Smith	do 20 do	do
Summoned	Cataraqui	John Simpson	do 5 do	
do	do	do	do 5 do	
do	Wolf Island	Phillip Vaners	do 10 do	
				Seized decoy ducks and destroyed them.
Summoned	Aylmer	H. H. McDiarmid	Fined 25c and costs	
No				Seized one gun. Seized nine traps.
				Two nets, destroyed them.
Caught	Queensboro'	H. K. Smith	Fined \$80	
do	do	do	do 40	
				One net. do do
Summoned	Lindsay	J. Deacon	Fined \$10 and costs	
do				

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Lennox ..	Wesley Huff	Dec. 12..	Sampson King	Enterprise	Killing one moose ..
	do	do 12..	Carl Bombough	do	do ..
Victoria ..	A. McArthur				
Muskoka..	Jos Hey	Jan. 23..	G. Brown	Bracebridge	Shooting deer in water or immediately after leaving the water.
	do	do 23..	G. Walton	do	do ..
	do	do 23..	H. Brown	do	do ..
	do	do 23..	W. Armstrong	Stoneleigh	do ..
	do	do 23..	T. Gohn	Bracebridge	do ..
Lanark....	J. R. Patterson	Dec. 31..			
Algoma ..	Wm. T. Harris	Oct. 4..			
Simcoe	D. Somerville	Mch. 20..			
Grey	Geo. B. Holmes	Jan. 5..	John Pilkey	Markdale	Setting out poison ..
	do	Mch. 10..	Robert English	Glascot	do ..
	do	May 11..	Samuel Morrow	Markdale	Catching over 50 speckled trout.
	do	Jan. 18..	H. Noble	do	Shooting hares out of season.
	do	May 21..	Angus Pickett	Berkley	Fishing on the Sabbath day.
	do	do 21..	Edward Walter	do	do ..
	do	do 21..	Peter Hamilton	do	do ..
Nipissing..	Joseph Perron				
Algoma ..	Thomas Norquay	Oct. 8..			
York	E. Tinsley	April 14..	Renfrew & Co	Toronto	Illegal possession of furs.
	do	do 16..	— Lemon	Owen Sound	do ..
	do	Jan. 21..	Anderson Redditt	Conger	Killing deer in close season.
	do	Mch. 17..			
	do	May 12..	Samuel Waubb	French River	Illegal furs
	do	do 20..	Sam. Stewart	Parry Sound	Spearing fish
	do	Sept. 1..	W. M. Campbell	South River	Killing moose
	do	Oct. 28..	A. E. Hunter	Parry Sound	Killing deer in close season.
	do	Nov. 25..	R. Brettinah	do	Hunting without license.
	do	do 25..	J. Cughill	do	Hunting, close season
	do	do 25..	Dave Cughill	do	
	do	Oct. 26..			
	do	Nov. 25..	Arthur Crogan	Parry Sound	Hunting without license.
	do				
Renfrew ..	Walter Yuill	Jan. 29..	Adam McGonigal	Calabogie	Information laid....
	do		James Green	do	Killing deer out of season.
Prince Edward.			Geo. Bolter	Demorestville ..	Spearing muskrats through ice and houses.

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Summoned ..	Enterprise ..	Jas. Daly ..	Fined \$20
do ..	do ..	do ..	do 20
.....	Seized two boats.
Summoned ..	Bracebridge ..	James Boyer ..	Lost the case through the magistrate not making out the summons right.
do ..	do ..	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do ..	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do ..	.....	.....	.....
do ..	do ..	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 1 otter trap.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized and burnt 100 yards of 1½ mesh net.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized one punt and two gill nets; sunk punt, sold the nets to defray expenses.
Summoned ..	Markdale ..	R. S. Rae ..	Fined \$5 and costs ..	.....
do ..	do ..	do ..	do 7.50 do ..	.....
do ..	do ..	do ..	do 10.00 do ..	.....
do ..	Left country before trial came off.	.....	.....	.....
do ..	.....	R. S. Rae ..	Fined \$1 and costs ..	.....
do ..	.....	do ..	do 3 do ..	.....
do ..	.....	do ..	do 3 do ..	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized seven traps, four snares set for hares and minks; destroyed trap.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized 2 beaver traps and 2 nets.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Seized and burned 250 yds. gill net.
.....	Toronto ..	E. Tinsley and J. E. Rogers.	Fined \$275 ..	.....
.....	Sault Ste. Marie	J. E. Rogers	do 90 ..	.....
Summoned ..	Parry Sound ..	J. H. Willmott ..	do 100 ..	One net destroyed.
.....
Summoned ..	do ..	J. Farrer ..	do 5 ..	.....
do ..	do ..	G. R. Steele ..	do 1 ..	.....
do ..	do ..	J. H. Willmott ..	Fined \$37.50 and costs.	.....
do ..	do ..	J. Farrer ..	Fined \$20 ..	.....
do ..	do ..	do ..	do 20 ..	.....
.....	do ..	.....	Dismissed ..	.....
.....	do ..	.....	.....	.....
.....	do ..	J. H. Willmott ..	Fined \$20 ..	Three beaver traps.
.....	J. Farrer
.....	Renfrew ..	G. M. Eady
do ..	do ..	do ..	Witness left the country.
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Algoma	Geo. E. Hymers.....	Sept
Simcoe	Michael Woods	Nov. 28.	R. Cunningham	Orillia.....	Sunday hunting
	do	do 28.	J. Brown	do	do
	do	do 28.	F. P. Tuds	do	do
	do	do 26.	Wm. McLellan ..	Conger Tnp ..	Hunting without license.
	do	Mar. 24.	Robt. Farr	Humphrey Twp.	Spearing fish
Parry Sound	J. B. La Brash	Aug. 6.	Wm. Tracey.....	U. S. A.....	Killing a deer
	do	do 29.	A. V. Tracey	do	do
	do	do 29.	Capt. Earley	Kentucky ..	do
	do	do 29.	Mr. Blane	do	Killing deer and partridges.
	do	Dec. 5.	H. Andrews.....	Dunchurch ..	Killing a deer
Lambton	Jos. Kennedy	Nov. 29	A. Cattanach	Marine City ..	Shooting without license.
Leeds	J. B. Smith .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prescott	Louis Janeck	Feb. 9.	Patrick Lynch.....	Fournier	Hunting without license.
Algoma	W. D. Reid	March .....	.....	.....	.....
	do	Dec. 5.	.....	.....	.....
	do	April 28.	.....	.....	.....
Hastings	B. C. Hubbell	Oct. 4.	Walter Steenbury ..	Havelock	Killing deer
	do	do 4.	John McGinnis	do	do
Kent...	F. Munday	Nov. 18.	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk	A. P. Barrett	April	Geo. Schram	Port Royal	Trespass and shoot- ing muskrats.
	do	do	Artley Osborne	do	do
	do	do	Chas. Brown.....	do	do
Ontario	J. W. Remey	1897 Dec. 25.	.....	.....	.....
Algoma	R. Rush.....	Feb. 17	John Collins.....	Sault Ste. Marie	Shipping a moose head.
	do	Mar. 1.	Neil McKay.....	do	Killing deer
	do	do 3.	Peter Digost.....	Garden River ..	do
	do	do 3.	William Bell	do	do
	do	Dec. 27.	Abe Prenlow	Sault Ste. Marie	Illegal possession of muskrat skins.
Grey	James Carson	June 6.	John Jones	Markdale	Trespass and fishing.
Hastings	Dougald Campbell....	May 10.	Wm. Vancoughnet..	Loughboro'	Hunting without license.
	do	do 18.	Bert Martin.....	do	Hunting on Sunday.
	do	do 5.	S. Sunstrum.....	.....	Killing moose
	do	do 5.	Wm. McIntyre .....	.....	do
	do	do 5.	Wm. Griffin	do
	do	do 5.	Jno. Emo	do
	do	do 5.	Fred Layman	do
	do	do 5.	L'Amble Seraza	do

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				Found net set for speckled trout, cut ropes from buoys and let net sink to bottom.
Summoned ..	Orillia	J. H. Willmott ..	\$5 and costs	
do ..	do	do	5 do	
do ..	do	do	Dismissed	
do ..	Parry Sound	do	\$20 and costs	Seized his decoys and gave them to the magistrate.
Arrested	Medora Tnp.	W.D. McNaughton	\$10	One whitefish and one herring net.
Summoned ..	Dunchurch	Wm. Robertson ..	Fined \$20	
do ..	do	do	do 20	
do ..		Mr. Hunter	Settled by Chief Warden, \$25.	
do ..		do	do	
Arrested	Dunchurch	Wm. Robertson ..	Fined \$20	
			Pending	Seized boat, value \$25.
				Two gill nets and rat traps.
Summoned ..	Riceville	Jno. Moffatt	Fined \$20	
				Two deer skins.
				Two snares for deer destroyed.
				One punt.
Summoned ..	Havelock	H. K. Smith	Defendant swore himself clear.	
Warrant			Dismissed	
				Set of hoop nets
Summoned ..		Jas. Newkirk	Settled with costs.	
do ..		do	do	
do ..				Seized two moose hides and heads .
Summoned ..	Sault Ste. Marie	P. C. Campbell ..	Fined \$20	
do ..	do	do	Reprimanded and let go.	
do ..	Echo River	Alex. Findley	do	
Summoned ..		P. C. Campbell ..	Skipped out	
			Fined \$25 and costs	
do ..	Durham	Wm. Calder	Fined \$1 and costs	
Admitted ..	Sydenham	H. K. Smith	Fined and fine remitted.	
do ..	do	do	Fine remitted on account of youth.	
	Golden Lake	H. K. Smith and J. E. Rogers	Allowed to go on suspended sentence.	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	

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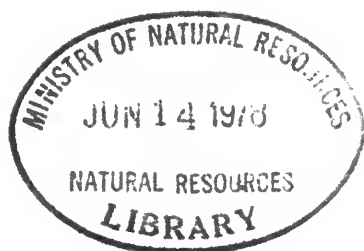
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Hastings ..	Dougald Campbell....	May 5 ..	Jumbo Quinsco.....	Killing moose.....
	do	do 5 ..	Angus Vassow.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Michael Whiteduck ..	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Benort Whiteduck....	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Frank Baptiste.....	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Joseph Partridge....	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Semo Ewans .....	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Narcisse Vassow.....	.....	do
	do	do 5 ..	Alex Layman.....	.....	do
	H. K. Smith.....	Aug. 17 ..	Henry Smith.....	.....	Having game birds in possession.
	.....	do 27 ..	James Stratford.....	.....	Killing game birds..
	.....	do 27 ..	Henry Stratford.....	.....	do
	.....	Oct. 4....	Walter Stanberg.....	.....	Hunting deer in the water
	.....	Dec. 14..	Chester Oakel .....	.....	do
	H. K. Smith.....	Sep. 21..	Willard Conley.....	Madoc.....	Killing deer.....
	do	do 21..	John Kellar, Jr.....	do	do
	do	do 21..	Cyrene Robbins.....	.....	do
Nipissing..	do	Dec. 12..	Samuel King.....	Sheffield Tp.....	Killing moose.....
	do	do 12..	Gideon King.....	do	do
	do	do 12..	Charles Rombrough ..	Enterprise.....	do
	do	do 12..	Stanley Wager.....	do	do
	S. A. Huntington....	Jan. 7..	Jos. Larvier.....	Indian Reserve.	Killing deer out of season.
	do	do 7..	Jos. Beaucage.....	do	do
	do	do 7..	Michael Beaucage ..	do	do
	do	do 12..	Louis Beaucage.....	do	do
	do	do 12..	Alex Comandew.....	do	do
	do	do 12..	Joe Restool.....	do	do
	do	do 20..	Moses Rubenstein...	Montreal.....	Having deer horns in possession.

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	Golden Lake....	H. K. Smith and J. E. Rogers.	Allowed to go on suspended sen- tence.	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	do	do	do	
	Kingston.....	H. K. Smith	Dismissed on pay- ment of costs.	
Summoned	Madoc.....	J. J. B. Flint.	Dismissed	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	Enterprise....	James Daly.	do	
do			Fined \$20 and costs	
do			Fined \$20 and costs	
do			Dismissed	
Arrested	North Bay.....	Wm. Doran	Let go on suspend- ed sentence.	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	do	Fined \$5 and costs	

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